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**F5211-160485**

**ADVANCED CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE**

**TITLE: Workshop on Acoustic Impacts of Anthropogenic Activity on Marine Life**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is to signal the government's intention to award a contract for these services to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Fisheries Protection Program (FPP) for the Ecosystems Management Branch at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Before awarding a contract, however, the government would like to provide other suppliers with the opportunity to demonstrate that they are capable of satisfying the requirements set out in this Notice, by submitting a statement of capabilities during the ACAN posting period.

If other potential suppliers submit a statement of capabilities during this ACAN posting period that meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the government will proceed to a full tendering process on either GETS or through traditional means, in order to award the contract.

If no other supplier submits, on or before the closing date, a statement of capabilities meeting the requirements set out in the ACAN, a contract will be awarded to the pre-selected supplier.

**BACKGROUND:**

Acoustic impacts of anthropogenic activity on marine life have been identified as an emerging concern for Canadians as it presents a potential threat to aquatic ecosystems. FPP staff need an increased understanding of acoustic impacts on marine life and updated mitigation and sound thresholds for regulation of projects in everyday work directly related to the Fisheries Protection Program mandate.

The workshop aims to provide FPP staff with updated knowledge to advance their understanding of the methodologies of underwater sound measurement, sound impact assessment and effective impact mitigation procedures. This will help them perform critical assessments of the methodologies proposed in Environmental Assessment (EA) documents including acoustic monitoring studies and underwater sound modelling performed by project proponents and documented in the EAs technical reports. It will also help identify data gaps when they exist so that they can provide guidance to developers to ensure that high-quality acoustic data are collected and provided to them during the impact assessment process and that data gaps are adequately addressed by the proposed assessment studies.

**OBJECTIVES:**

The objective of this contract is to provide FPP staff with an opportunity to learn about and discuss matters related to acoustic impacts to marine life. This will help staff members produce and utilize guidance around scientifically defensible underwater sound thresholds and understand the impacts and potential mitigation measures for works such as pile driving, blasting, and seismic and sonar activity. Information acquired will also assist staff in determining the completeness of project proposals submitted by proponents for broad impacts such as shipping.



## **WORK REQUIREMENT:**

During the course of the contract, the Contractor will develop hand-outs, reference materials, and case studies. Two workshops will be delivered in-person: one at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, 1 Challenger Drive, Dartmouth Nova Scotia and one at Fisheries and Oceans Winnipeg Office 501 University Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba. With the potential for one additional workshop to be undertaken by March 31, 2018.

## **RESOURCES AND LEVEL OF EFFORT:**

### **Phase 1**

Within ten (10) business days of the contract award, an initial meeting will be held either in-person or by teleconference between the DFO technical authorities and the Contractor. This meeting will provide an opportunity to review the course curriculum. At this time, expectations will be clarified, questions asked and answered, and suggestions from the Contractor considered.

Questions such as the following will be addressed, among others:

- Course outline details;
- review of the handbook material and any reference materials;
- Identification of case studies which will be presented during the training.
- Logistical considerations that will be required for the training (computer, projector etc.)

Phase 1 Deliverable: The final course curriculum shall consist of the outline as provided in the Proposal submitted by the Contractor, subject to modifications. The Contractor will also supply a final version of course hand-outs, case studies, and associated reference material for review and suggested edits by DFO.

Deadline 1: Within 20 Days of the contract award

### **Phase 2**

Once the Technical Authority has given written approval of the course details and has provided any additional direction and clarification needed, the course will be scheduled and delivered.

Deliverable 2: Deliver of the agreed-upon course content, for the number of hours specified in the successful proposal.

Deadline 2: The courses are to be completely delivered by March 31, 2017.

## **TRADE AGREEMENTS APPLICABILITY OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS:**

No Trade agreements applicable for this requirement.

## **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS REGULATIONS EXCEPTION AND LIMITED TENDERING REASONS:**

The following policy requirements are applicable to this ACAN process:

### **Applicable Exceptions to Soliciting Bids under the Government Contracting Regulations (GCRs) (Section 6):**

Section 10.2.1 Section 6 (d) only one person or firm is capable of performing the work applies to this ACAN for the following reasons:

- There are no known alternative sources of supply.



**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:**

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has determined that any intellectual property rights arising from the performance of the Work under the resulting contract will belong to the Contractor.

**CONTRACT PERIOD:**

The contract period is estimated to be from the date of contract award to March 31, 2018, with the expectation that two workshops will be completed by March 31, 2017. One additional workshop option may be completed by March 31, 2018.

**ESTIMATED VALUE:**

The total estimated value of the contract shall not exceed \$45,000.00 excluding all applicable taxes and approved travel costs.

**SUPPLIER'S RIGHT TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES:**

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services described herein, may submit a Statement of Capabilities in writing to the Contracting Officer identified in this Notice on or before closing date. The Statement of Capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements.

**CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES:**

**Monday, February 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. (Atlantic Time)**

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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