

Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN)

The Department of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) has a requirement for the provision of data on Canadian publications and international collaboration in Natural Sciences and Engineering and also on matching NSERC Canadian Common CV (CCV) publications to the OST publication database. The purpose of this Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is to signal the government's intention to award a contract for these services to the Observatoire des sciences et des technologies (OST), Centre interuniversitaire de recherche sur la science et la technologie (CIRST), Université du Québec à Montréal, PO Box 8888, Succ. Centre-ville, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3P8. 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 15 calendar day posting period.

If other potential suppliers submit a statement of capabilities during the 15 calendar day posting period that meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the government will proceed to a full tendering process on either the government's electronic tendering service 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

The Department of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) has a requirement to obtain data on Canadian publications and international collaborations in Natural Sciences and Engineering. NSERC would also like to improve the publication database of its researchers (extracted from the CCV), and to supplement it with additional information drawn from the OST database. The work will involve the following: providing NSERC a set of indicators on Canadian publications and international collaborations in Natural Sciences and Engineering, matching NSERC Canadian Common CV publications to the OST publication database and providing NSERC a relational database.

The estimated value of the contract, including one option period, is **\$80,000 approx.** (Applicable taxes extra).

Justification for the Pre-Selected Supplier

OST is the only organization in Canada that can provide NSERC with clean bibliometric data for Canada.

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 that any intellectual property arising from the performance of the Work under the Contract will vest in Canada, on the following grounds:

The main purpose of the contract or the deliverables contracted for is to generate knowledge and information for public dissemination.

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to meet the specified requirements may submit a statement of capabilities in writing to the Contracting Authority 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.

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is May 31, 2017 1:00 p.m. EST).

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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Policy Information

SOR/87-402 Government Contracts Regulations (GCRs) ^[4] – section 6 (d) only one person is capable of performing the contract.