

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 the services of two (2) wildlife monitors to accompany scientists hiking and working in the Mackenzie Mountains in the region of the headwaters of the Arctic Red, Ram, and Stone Knife Rivers (northern part of the Bonnet Plume River map area; NTS 106B). Work will be done initially from a base camp at "Goober" Lake, and then from a base camp at "Poacher" Lake.

Work Duties:

- Accompany geologists from the Geological Survey of Canada on daily helicopter excursions and day hikes from base camp or while camping.
- As required, stay in fly camps (small tent camps away from base camp) with research teams, contributing to camp duties while doing so.
- Provide the service of wildlife monitoring and protection to the mapping team from wildlife attacks. Any need for reporting wildlife observations to the local community will be the responsibility of the monitor.
- Provide advice to Geological Survey of Canada mapping team concerning local land use, particularly with respect to sensitive cultural sites that should not be disturbed by mapping activities.
- Assist with the activities of geological mapping/surveying including as needed: navigating by map and compass or GPS, collecting rock samples, describing outcrops of bedrock.
- Assist and/or give guidance in documenting and reporting any hazardous environmental occurrences.
- Assist in rendering first-aid as required.

Wildlife Monitor One:

One monitor is required from July 6th to August 4th. The monitor must travel from Tsiigehtchic to Norman Wells on July 5th and return home on August 5th. This is a total of 32 days (30 days work and 2 days travel). This monitor will work in both field camp locations.

Wildlife Monitor Two:

One monitor is required from July 19th to August 4th. The monitor must travel from Tsiigehtchic to Norman Wells on July 18th and return home on August 5th. This is a total of 19 days (17 days work and 2 days travel). This monitor will work out of the Poacher Lake base camp only.

The Project will provide sleeping accommodations in tents (with a cot), and food while in field camp and return travel from Norman Wells to field camp..

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:

Monitors must meet the following requirements:

Able to legally possess and discharge firearms

Provide own firearm (shotgun or rifle), with ammunition, suitable for protection against large mammals.

Possess up-to-date certification in Standard First-aid (or equivalent training).

Have the training in wilderness survival techniques pertinent to the specific area described in Paragraph 2 above, either through formal coursework or traditional knowledge, or equivalent practical experience. For the purposes of this contract, equivalent practical experience shall be considered to consist of at least one month cumulative experience living or surviving on the land.

Have to be 17 years of age or older.

Have clothing and footwear suitable to outdoor activities in mountainous terrain.

Have sleeping bag, bedroll and all personal clothing and gear suitable for living under canvas in the mountains.

Are available for work between 8 AM and 8 PM daily, for the full term of the contract.

Are able to fly in a fixed wing/rotary wing aircraft.

Able to obtain permission from the local authority to provide these services

The Contractor:

- Is an Aboriginal Business
- Will provide a candidate who meets the qualifications listed above.
- Will Initially cover the following travel costs for the wildlife monitors and invoice upon completion of contract. We will reimburse the following travel

costs:

- commercial airline ticket between Tsiigehtchic and Norman Wells (return);
- hotels in Norman Wells, where applicable; and
- Meals and taxis expenses.

4. Trade Agreements

This procurement is not subject to any trade agreements

5. Set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business

This procurement is set-aside for an Aboriginal supplier in accordance with the government Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB). Therefore, only suppliers who meet the definition of an Aboriginal business, as defined in the PSAB, may submit a statement of capabilities.

6. Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s)

This procurement is subject to the Gwich'in land claim agreement

7. 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

8. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations

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

The identified provider, Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council, is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

9. Contract Period

The contract period will be July 5th to August 5th, 2017

10. Estimated Cost

The estimated maximum value of the contract is less than \$35,000.00 CAD inclusive.

11. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council
P.O. Box 58
Tsiigehtchic, NT
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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 July 04, 2017 at 14:00 Mountain Standard Time

14. Contract Authority

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