

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

Canada's United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) Program collected data in the Arctic Ocean to support the delineation of the outer limits of the extended continental shelf. Over the next two years, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has been tasked by the government of Canada to develop a scientific case for an extended continental shelf in the Arctic Ocean and make a submission to the United Nations' Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS). To meet this target submission date, it is necessary for NRCan to contract services to review the submission text and scientific data in its entirety, assist in the revision of the submission in light of recommendations made by the CLCS since 2013 and produce additional text that will make a scientifically-robust case for the outer limits and the affinity of the extended continental shelf with the Canadian continental landmass. NRCan will require advice on the development of a high level presentation to the CLCS and post-submission activities to prepare for future engagement with the CLCS during the submission review process.

This requirement is for consultant services required to:

- Review, revise and prepare the Canadian submission for the Arctic Ocean to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
- Advise on the preparation of content for the Atlantic Ocean submission presentation
- Advise on future engagement with Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf during the submission review process

The provider must:

1. Review, chapter by chapter, the draft 2013 Arctic Ocean submission (main body and supporting documents) and make recommendations on additional content, modifications and/or deletions required
2. Work with the Canadian UNCLOS team to update, and prepare analyses and text to support the Arctic Ocean submission and Atlantic Ocean presentation
3. Conduct analyses in the Geocap and ArcGIS projects underlying the Arctic Ocean submission
4. Provide guidance on the interpretation and application of UNCLOS Article 76 to the Arctic Ocean submission
5. Participate in team planning/progress meetings at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, when required
6. Participate in the 9th Arctic Ocean Workshop in Ottawa from December 6-8, 2017 as a member of the Canadian delegation
7. Review/edit, on an ongoing basis, draft sections of the Arctic Ocean submission
8. Draft additional text where required/requested in support of the revision of the Arctic Ocean submission
9. Provide input and advice concerning the preparation of the Atlantic Ocean submission presentation to a future plenary session of the CLCS in New York City
10. Participate as a member of the Canadian delegation to United Nations headquarters in New York City during the relevant CLCS plenary session
11. Provide guidance at the end of the contract on post-contract work and post-Arctic Ocean submission activities in preparation for engagement with the CLCS, including recommendations on potential future data acquisition that would benefit the Canadian submission

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:

a. Experience:

- Experience working with Geocap and ArcGIS projects with respect to the delineation of the outer limits of the extended continental shelf, beyond 200

M, used in the preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

- Experience working with national UNCLOS programs preparing/advising on submissions delineating the extended continental shelf of those coastal states, beyond 200 M.
- Experience interpreting and advising national UNCLOS programs on recommendations from the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
- Experience advising on high level preparations for plenary sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.
- Experience engaging with the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in the review process of national program submissions delineating the extended continental shelf, beyond 200 M.
- Experience advising on Canada's extended continental shelf program for the Atlantic Ocean and Arctic Ocean.

b. Knowledge and Expertise:

- Knowledge of Geocap and ArcGIS software and the application of data products in the preparation of submissions delineating the extended continental shelf, beyond 200 M.
- Knowledge and understanding of marine geology
- Knowledge of UNCLOS Article 76 as it pertains to delineating the extended continental shelf. Link:
http://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/unclos_e.pdf

c. Academic Qualifications:

- Must possess a graduate degree (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) in the field of Earth Sciences (geophysics, geology) from a recognized university or college

4. Trade Agreements:

This procurement is subject to the following trade agreement(s):

North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);
Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT);
World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP).

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

Not applicable

6. Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s):

Not applicable

7. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

We intend to deal directly with the supplier mentioned in section 13 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 invoked for this procurement under subsection

- 6(d) – “only one person is capable of performing the work”

The identified provider, GeoLimits, is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

9. Exclusions and/or Limited Tendering Reasons

The following exclusion(s) and/or limited tendering reasons are invoked under the:

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA): Article 1016, 2, b

Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT): Article 506.12 (b)

World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP): Articles XIII (b)

10. Ownership of Intellectual Property

Canada intends to retain ownership of any Foreground Intellectual Property arising out of the proposed contract.

11. Contract Period

The contract period will be from date of award to March 31, 2018

12. Estimated Cost

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$200,000.00 CAD inclusive.

13. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

GeoLimits Consulting
14 Condor Rd.
Bedford, NS, B4A 3K9

14. 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.

15. Closing Date

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is 14:00 Atlantic time on July 6, 2017

16. Contract Authority

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