

Solicitation No: 14987/A

Advanced Contract Award Notice (ACAN) for: Security Testing as a Service for Cyber and IT Security (CITS) at Shared Services Canada (SSC)

Shared Services Canada (SSC)

- 1. What is an 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.
- 2. Definition of requirement:** The Infrastructure Security (IS) Division of Cyber and IT Security (CITS) at Shared Services Canada (SSC) is responsible for the engineering, integration and ongoing in-service support of security solutions and capabilities. This includes modernizing existing solutions and implementing new capabilities in support of safeguarding the business operations of the Government of Canada (GC). The Government of Canada (GC) is in the process of procuring various cyber security solutions that will meet future security needs as well as other related projects for safeguarding the GC enterprise. The GC requires testing in order to verify and validate solutions that are proposed as part of bid submissions against various Requests for Proposal (RFP).

The purpose of this Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is to signal the government's intention to award a contract for these services Cytelligence Inc. 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 7 calendar day posting period.

- 3. NSE Invocation:** SSC has invoked the NSE through an exchange of letters between ADMs for all requirements "related to the Government of Canada's electronic mail (email), network, and data centre infrastructure, systems and services". "On May 28, 2012, the Government of Canada announced on the Government Electronic Tendering Service that it had invoked the National Security Exception under the trade agreements in respect of procurements related to email, networks and data centres for Shared Services Canada. As a result, this requirement is subject to the National Security Exception."
- 4. Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements (CLCA):** As required services will be provided in the NCR, CLCAs will not apply to this procurement.
- 5. Government Contracts Regulations Exception and Limited Tendering Reason:** It is proposed that a contract be directed to Cytelligence Inc. for Security Testing as a Service implementation of Information Technology services. This requirement is directed to Cytelligence Inc. in accordance with exception Section 6 (d) of the Government Contracts Regulations that states that only one person or firm is capable of performing this contract.
- 6. Period of the proposed contract and required delivery:** This contract is to be awarded on or before August 4, 2017, with delivery of services to commence immediately upon notification of contract award. The initial contract period shall start on August 4, 2017, and end two years later.
- 7. Cost estimate of the proposed contract:** The estimated cost of the initial contract is \$500K. (HST extra) options for additional testing services as and when requested.

8. Vendor details:

Cytelligence Inc.

20 Eglinton Avenue West
Suite 1405
Toronto, Ontario
CANADA, M4R 1K8

- 9. Suppliers' 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 contact person identified below on or before the closing date of this notice. The statement of capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements.

Minimum Essential Requirements: Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a Statement of Capabilities that it can fulfill the requirements of the Statement of Work and the following requirements in order to be able to carry out the work:

- To ensure a non-biased test service, the interested supplier not represent or re-sell any Cyber security or IT technology hardware and or software to the Government of Canada or have any formal re-sale agreements with any hardware or software vendors.
- The interested supplier must not have responded to, or been a delivery partner for, an RFP or Government of Canada requirement, nor been awarded a contract from a Shared Services of Canada (SSC), or a SSC department or agency where testing or Proof of Concept is, or may, be a component of the deliverables or authority to operate.
- Experience: interested supplier must be able to deliver resources as a part of the testing services that have the following minimum testing experience:
 - Five years experience in Cyber Penetration Testing of Infrastructure and Web Applications;
 - Five years experience in performance and functional testing of hardware, applications, and security systems; and
 - Five years experience in agile methodologies and testing.
- All testing equipment, harness, data and subsequent test results must remain in Canada.

If a potential supplier submits a statement of capabilities during the posting period that meets the requirements set out in this ACAN, the government will proceed to a full tendering process on either the government's electronic tendering system 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 this ACAN, a contract will be awarded to the pre-selected supplier.

- 10. Security requirement:** This solicitation contains a requirement for personnel security screening.

11. The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is:

- **July 28, 2017 @ 02:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time EDT**

- 12. Submission of statements of capabilities:** Suppliers may inquire or submit a statement of capabilities to;

Gary Cooper
A/Procurement Manager
Cyber Security – Procurement and Vendor Relations
Shared Services Canada
Email: Gary.cooper@canada.ca
Telephone No.: (613)790-5914
