

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 Canadian Hazards Information Systems (CHIS) operate the Canadian National Seismic Network (CNSN) which consists of nearly 150 digital seismograph and infrasound stations across Canada. All data is forwarded in real time to data acquisition centers in Sidney, BC and Ottawa, ON. There are a total of four infrasound sensing elements located on the Elginfield Observatory, property of The University of Western Ontario. The scope of the resulting contract is to provide troubleshooting and maintenance services to the network of digital infrasound on the Elginfield Observatory (Elginfield, Ontario).

3. Criteria for Assessment of the Statement of Capabilities

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that it is able to meet the following requirements:

- *The supplier must have at least five years experience in maintaining infrasound sensors and their associated support equipment (enclosures, acoustic noise reduction systems, and power supplies).*
- *The supplier must have access to the Western University properties and buildings on and in which the infrasound sensing elements are installed.*
- *The supplier must be able to provide electrical power and internet connectivity to the infrasound equipment.*
- *The contractor must be in position to provide the security of the Elginfield Ontario (ELFO) Array in the form of controlled access to the building housing the computer/modems for communicating with the array elements and locks for the element vaults.*

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.

In particular, the equipment for which support is required is located on University of Western Ontario owned land and only University personnel have access to the site and buildings where elements of the equipment are located. The equipment needs to stay in the same geographical location.

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 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, The University of Western Ontario, 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: N/A

11. Contract Period

The contract period will be from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2022. *1 (one) Option period from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2027.*

12. Estimated Cost

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$177,543.76 CAD inclusive.

13. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

The University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario N6A 3K7

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 August 14, 2017 at 14:00 Eastern Standard Time).

16. Contract Authority

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