



WHITE BEAN AND COLOURED BEAN VARIETY TESTING FOR REGISTRATION AND SUPPORT

1.0 ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN) NO. 01B46 –17– 071

On behalf of:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)
Harrow Research and Development Centre
2585, County road 20
Harrow (Ontario)
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An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows the Federal Government to post a notice and advise the supplier community on its intentions to award a good, service or construction contract to a pre-identified contractor it considers being the only supplier capable of carrying out the work.

The goal of this advance contract award notice is to advise on the Government's intention to award a directed contract to the following preselected supplier:

Ontario Pulse Crop Committee
1 Davidson Drive, Hensall, Ontario, N0M 1X0.

However, before doing so, the Government will allow other suppliers to signal their interest in bidding by submitting a statement of capabilities during a fifteen (15) calendar day posting period, where suppliers must clearly demonstrate how they meet the requirements set out in the ACAN.

Should a statement of capabilities be found to meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, then the contracting authority will proceed to a full call for tenders in order to award the contract.

If no supplier submits a statement of capabilities that meets the set out requirements on or before the ACAN's closing date, the contract will be awarded to the abovementioned supplier.

2.0 STATEMENT OF WORK:

2.1 Context :

The Bean Breeding/Germplasm Development Program at AAFC-Harrow has been in existence since 1950s, when the pre-existing AAFC Bean Breeding Program at Ottawa was transferred to Harrow. The program has, over the years, concentrated on germplasm and cultivar development within different market classes and has devoted particular emphasis on improvement of plant architecture, disease resistance, and nutritional and processing quality.

The program has released over 34 bean cultivars of different market classes, tailored mainly to the bean growing areas of south-western Ontario. As part of the dry bean breeding program, toward the end of the variety development, elite lines must be tested in multi-locations in Ontario cooperative variety trials for 2 - 3 years at multiple test sites (6 locations for white beans and 4 locations for coloured beans) for registration prior to release as a cultivar to bean producers in Canada. In addition, registered cultivars and lines supported for registration are required to be tested in cooperative performance trials for three (3) consecutive years, every year to be

recommended in Ontario. The trials are coordinated and conducted by the Ontario Pulse Committee (OPC).

2.2 Scope of work :

2.2.1 To provide compiled and summarized data on the following:

- A) Summary data (agronomic and qualitative) of all locations of white and coloured bean entries for the test year.

Among other things, the data required includes: days to maturity, yield, harvestability, 100 seed weight, disease scoring for common bacterial blight, anthracnose and root rot, canning quality data, and proximate composition data.

- B) Summary data of all locations of white and coloured bean entries for three (3) consecutive years; for review, recommendation to the Ontario Pulse Crop Committee, and registration.

2.2.2 Deliverables

- A) Data is to be presented in the form of Excel spreadsheets.

- B) The Ontario Cooperative variety testing system will provide test data to seek support for registration of new varieties. The deliverables of this project are therefore registration of new Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) bean varieties.

2.2.3 Standards to be met

All work and testing methods shall be conducted in accordance with the Seeds Act.

2.3 Contract period:

The initial contract period shall start at time of award, until March 31st, 2018. There will also be for the following years the option to exercise a contract extension by up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods under the same terms and conditions.

2.4 Contract value:

Year I, initial contract period - at contract award to March 31st 2018: \$12 500 CAN (plus tax)

Subject to funding, planning, and at the subsequent request of AAFC, there may be four (4) optional phases of additional work that could be requested.

Optional Year I - April 1st 2018 to March 31st 2019 : \$12 500 CAN (plus tax)

Optional Year II - April 1st 2019 to March 31st 2020 : \$12 500 CAN (plus tax)

Optional Year III - April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021 : \$12 500 CAN (plus tax)

Optional Year IV - April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022 : \$12 500 CAN (plus tax)

Canada may exercise the option at any time by sending a notice to the Contractor prior to the Contract expiry date.



3.0 BASIS FOR CANADA'S OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In accordance with the *Policy on Title to Intellectual Property Arising Under Crown Procurement Contracts*, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) has determined that any intellectual property inherent in the performance of the work under this contract shall remain vested in Canada.

Canada invokes exception 4. of the *Exceptions to Contractor Ownership and Treasury Board Exemption*, Appendix A, i.e. *Where the main purpose of the Crown Procurement Contract, or the deliverables contracted for, is:*

4.3 To deliver a not-yet fully developed component or subsystem that will be incorporated into a complete system at a later date, as a prerequisite to the planned transfer of the complete system to the private sector, through licensing or assignment of ownership, for the purposes of Commercial Exploitation.

The purpose of entering a line into trials with the *Ontario Pulse Crop Committee* is to accumulate sufficient data in order to support this line's registration as a new bean variety, and later achieve its commercialization. The supplier simply contributes to Canada's background technology by providing a service.

4.0 APPLICABILITY OF TRADE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

This contract is not subject to trade agreements.

5.0 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

There are no security requirements for this service contract.

6.0 METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment will be made in full once a year upon completion of the work described herein, following the submission of all invoicing documentation in accordance with the terms of this contract, and upon acceptance by the Departmental Representative.

A full one-time payment will be made upon submission of seed testing materials to the *Ontario Pulse Crop Committee*, on or before March 31st 2018.

7.0 JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF A SINGLE-SOURCE SUPPLIER:

Ontario Pulse Crop Committee

1 Davidson Drive, Hensall, Ontario, N0M 1X0.

The Ontario Pulse Crop Committee is the recommending committee that coordinates performance testing and registration of the various varieties of dried beans in Ontario.

The committee also reviews and establishes dry bean research priorities and addresses emerging issues in the dry bean sector by working closely with public and private breeders, industry, University, government institutions and grower organizations.

To obtain support for registration of a new variety, supportive data needs to be presented to the Ontario Pulse Committee at their annual meeting in February of each year. The required data is obtained in multi-location variety trials coordinated by the Ontario Pulse Committee, conducted by collaborators across the Province of Ontario. The Ontario Pulse Committee is the only provider of bean variety registration system in Ontario and for a new variety to be supported for registration in the province of Ontario, data from these multi-location trials is a requirement.

The *Ontario Pulse Committee* is the only organization that has a bean variety registration system in Ontario, and is the only specialist in edible beans officially recognized by the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. As the Ontario Grain Pulse Committee, it is the only committee that can recommend the registration of new varieties of beans.

8.0 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 in this notice on or before the closing date of this notice. The statement of capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the stated requirements.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES:
Thursday September 21st, 2017 at 14 :00pm (EDT)

Submission of statements of capabilities shall be submitted **IN WRITING** to the contracting authority, prior to the closing date:

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When submitting the statement of capabilities, the file reference number (01B46-17-071), the contracting officer's name and the closing date of the ACAN must appear on the outside of the envelope.