



ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

The **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)** has a requirement for the provision of sampling for the BSE surveillance program.

The purpose of this Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is to signal the government's intention to award a contract for these services to the **Maritime Pet Foods: 4064 Route 225, Stanchel, Prince Edward Island C0A 1E0**. 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 15 calendar day posting period.

If other potential suppliers submit a statement of capabilities during the 15 calendar day posting period that meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the government will proceed to a full tendering process on either the government's electronic tendering service 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 the ACAN, a contract will be awarded to the pre-selected supplier.

Background

On May 20, 2003, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), otherwise known as "mad cow disease" was confirmed in an animal born and raised in Canada. On January 9, 2004, as part of a national BSE response strategy, the Government of Canada announced that it would enhance its BSE surveillance testing. As a result, the CFIA has increased the number of samples to be collected over the course of 2004 to test a minimum of 8 000 animals/carcasses and continued to increase the surveillance activities to achieve a minimum of 30,000 samples in 2005 and to target 60,000 samples in subsequent years. The CFIA wishes to encourage the provision of samples in sufficient quantity to meet the objectives of the National BSE Surveillance Program.

Services required by the CFIA in implementing its surveillance program include those associated with identification and record keeping of selected carcasses, provision and maintenance of a suitable sampling facility and on site handling to present the appropriate samples to the CFIA, as well as those services related to the storage and segregation of carcasses pending determination of BSE laboratory test results.

The initial contract will be from contract award to March 31, 2019 at a cost of \$20,880.00 (excluding all applicable taxes). CFIA reserves the right to raise four (4) one (1) year options to extend this contract at a cost of \$20,880.00 (excluding all applicable taxes) for each of the optional periods.



Minimum Essential Requirements

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that it meets the following requirements:

- (1) have a designated BSE surveillance sampling area where BSE surveillance samples can be collected, which shall meet the following criteria:
 - (a) is located in the province of Prince Edward Island;
 - (b) is well lit and ventilated;
 - (c) is of adequate size and suitably equipped for the number of people using it and the sampling activities to be carried out therein, including the provision of an ergonomically acceptable table for sampling;
 - (d) is sufficiently remote from incompatible activities, equipment, and machinery; and
 - (e) meets occupational health and safety standards including those pertaining to accessing the establishment and the designated sampling area;
- (2) meet and be operated in accordance with federal, provincial and municipal requirements.

Justification for the Pre-Selected Supplier

Services required by the CFIA are those associated with maintaining the identification and traceability (record keeping) of selected carcasses for the BSE surveillance program, provision and maintenance of a suitable sampling facility and on site handling to present the appropriate samples to CFIA, and those related to the storage and segregation of selected carcasses pending determination of BSE status. This company has met these specifications. There are no other companies on Prince Edward Island that can meet these specifications.

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to meet the specified minimum essential requirements may submit a statement of capabilities in writing to the Contracting Authority 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 advertised requirements.

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is **July 12, 2018 2:00 p.m. DST**.

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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Policy Information

The statutory and regulatory requirements applicable for this ACAN process are the following:

- Government Contracts Regulations (GCR) – Section 6(d)
“only one person or firm is capable of performing the contract”
- Contract subject to WTO-AGP – Article XXIII: paragraph 2
“...nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent any Party from imposing or enforcing measures: necessary to protect public morals, order or safety, human, animal...”
- Contract subject to NAFTA – Chapter 10, Annexe 1001.1b-2, Section B, class F – Natural Resources and Conservation Services, subclass F029 – Other Animal Care / Control Services
- Contract subject to CFTA – Article 513 – Limited Tendering, 1b, iii:
“due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;”