

## **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 department of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has a requirement to process data from terrestrial or drone LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) sensors, as well as the development of predictive statistical models to explain the relationships between attributes extracted from LiDAR data and variables related to the wood quality for trees and forest plots.

### **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:

- **Experience:**
  - Experiences in data processing of terrestrial or drone LiDAR sensors in forest environments;
  - Three (3) years of experience in the last ten (10) years in statistical modeling;
  - Use of free software or libraries for the processing of LiDAR data (e.g. CloudCompare, Computree, lidR).

### **4. Trade Agreements**

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

- North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);
- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA);

## **5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier**

We intend to deal directly with the supplier mentioned in section 10 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

## **6. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations**

The following exception(s) to the Government Contracts Regulations is (are) invoked for this procurement under subsection

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

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

## **7. 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.

Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA): Article 513 b

## **8. Contract Period**

The contract period will be from September 20, 2018 to March 31, 2019, with two (2) options of one (1) additional year.

## **9. Estimated Cost**

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$105,000.00 CAD taxes inclusive, includes 2 years options.

## **10. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor**

Danny Blanchette  
62 rue St-François

Windsor, QC  
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819 993-2311  
[Danny.Blanchette@USherbrooke.ca](mailto:Danny.Blanchette@USherbrooke.ca)

### **11. 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.

### **12. Closing Date**

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is September 19, 2018 at 14:00 Eastern Daylight Time.

### **13. Contract Authority**

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