

# **ACAN**

## **19-22004**

### **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 the requirement**

The National Research Council located in Halifax and Ketch Harbour has a requirement for the services of a licensed refrigeration technician. The technician is to hold a Federal Halocarbon license and comply to Federal Halocarbon Regulations. The work will involve the following: but is not limited to, the preventative maintenance, leak testing, repair, modification, calibration and installation of air conditioning systems, chillers, ultra-low freezers, and laboratory equipment containing refrigerant/chillers including the controls of such systems. The contractor is to respond to any request for service within Y, hour provide, non-urgent work is to commence within 24 hours of the requested call. Emergency services are to be available on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis with work to start within 1 hour of the initial call.

### **3. Criteria for assessment of the Statement of Capabilities {Minimum Essential Requirements}**

Knowledge and understanding of air conditioning systems, heat pumps, vacuum pumps, air compressors, air dryers, centrifuges, fresh and salt water chillers and cooling systems, Convicon controlled environment

chambers and walk-in units, ultra-low freezers (-80°C), freeze dryers, liquid nitrogen and other cryogen systems, CO2 incubators, cryostats, refrigerators and freezers, ice makers (e.g. x equipment; x economic model ; x software); Academic qualifications Federal Halocarbon license

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

This proposed contract is linked to previous maintenance agreements with Hussmann Canada. It is NRC's position that it would not be feasible to tender this standing offer contract because much of the equipment to be repaired or serviced under this contract is either manufactured by Hussmann or by their parent company (Ingersoll Rand). This is critical for guaranteed availability of parts for warranty work, and for timely response to equipment breakdowns. Much of the equipment being serviced - freezers, chillers, walk-in coolers, environmental control systems are critical to preservation of research samples.

In addition to being the manufacturer of much of the equipment NRC owns, Hussmann is also the local authorized service provider for other manufacturers such as Convion, Panasonic, Sanyo and Thermo Fisher. There is no guarantee that another contractor would have timely access to parts needed for repair or warranty work. Delays could result in loss of samples and delays to research programs, some which are undertaken on behalf of private organizations.

Hussmann staff has in excess of 35 years' experience working in NRC facilities in the maintenance and repair of our equipment. This familiarity with NRC equipment often allows for diagnosis of problems before arriving on site, thereby having correct repair parts in their service vehicle upon arrival. This results in savings for the department and safe preservation of research samples. It also ensures that the maintenance of our equipment meets all Environment Canada regulations for service and repair of equipment which contains halocarbons.

Non- research specific work such as installation of air conditioners is often tendered (to Hussmann and other contractors) to ensure best value to the crown.

Husmann has offered a reduction in prices over previous years costing.

## **5. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date**

The proposed contract is for a period of 3 years from May 15, 2019 to Mar 31, 2022 (with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods).

## **6. Cost estimate of the proposed contract**

The estimated value of the contract, including option(s), is \$192,000.

## **7. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier**

Husmann Canada Inc.

109 Dorey Ave, UNIT 13

Dartmouth, NS B3B OB2

## **8. Suppliers' right to submit a statement of capabilities**

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the goods, services or construction services described in the ACAN 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 advertised requirements.

## **9. Closing date for a submission of a statement of capabilities**

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is: May 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (EST).

## **10. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities**

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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