

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROCUREMENT (NPP)
For
TASK AND SOLUTIONS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (TSPS)

GSIN: R019F Consulting Services

Reference Number:	<i>01B68-19-0154</i>	Solicitation Number:	<i>01B68-19-0154</i>
Organization Name:	<i>Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</i>		
Solicitation Date:	<i>2019-05-09</i>	Closing Date:	<i>2019-05-27 (12:00PM EST)</i>
Anticipated Start Date:	<i>At contract signature</i>		
Estimated Delivery Date:	<i>2019-12-31</i>	Estimate Level of Effort:	<i>"As Required"</i>
Contract Duration:	<i>The contract period will be from contract award to December 31, 2019</i>		
Solicitation Method:	<i>Competitive</i>	Applicable Trade Agreements:	<i>NAFTA, CFTA...</i>
Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement Applies:	<i>No</i>	Number of Contracts:	<i>1</i>

Requirement Details

Tendering Procedure: Selective Tendering

This requirement is open only to those TSPS Supply Arrangement Holders who qualified under Tier 1 for services in the *National Capital Region* for the following categories:

Resource Category	Level of Expertise
1. 2.12 Evaluation Services Consultant	3
2. 2.12 Evaluation Services Consultant	2
3. 2.12 Evaluation Services Consultant	1

The following SA Holders have been invited to submit a proposal:

1. BMT Canada Ltd.	2. Ference & Company Consulting Ltd.	3. Goss Gilroy Inc.
4. KPMG LLP	5. Lansdowne Technologies Inc.	6. Maplesoft Consulting Inc.
7. Maverin Business Services Inc.	8. MNP LLP	9. PRA Inc.
10. Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP	11. RHEA Inc.	12. S.I. Systems Ulc.
13. Somos Consulting Group Ltd.	14. Spearhead Management Canada Ltd.	15. TAG HR The Associates Group Inc.

Description of Work:

As part of its five-year Integrated Audit and Evaluation Plan (2019-20 to 2023-24) Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) Office of Audit and Evaluation (OAE), will be conducting audits and evaluations of the five-year \$265-million Trade and Market Expansion (TME) service. With multiple program activities, captured in a single program inventory profile and logic model, current audit and evaluation methodologies may not be sufficiently agile to provide timely, relevant information for senior management.

The purpose of the Preliminary Assessment is to break down the TME service into manageable engagements, considering AAFC priorities and risks, to effectively audit and evaluate the Program. The scope of the assessment includes:

- Defining the activities of TME and how they align with overall AAFC strategic outcomes.
- Process mapping of TME initiatives, as appropriate.
- Defining an approach to auditing and evaluating the Program, including identifying opportunities for joint audit and evaluation engagements; ¹
- Developing a standard methodology and common output for audit and evaluation engagements.
- Recommending a methodology to conduct trend analysis across programs and activities, where appropriate.
- Developing evaluation strategies for 3-4 evaluation projects, based on discussions with OAE once all activities have been defined.
- Proposing 2-3 audit projects, with preliminary plans, based on discussions with OAE, after all activities have been defined.

Security Requirement:

Common PS SRCL #19 applies

Minimum Corporate Security Required:

Designated Organization Screening (DOS)

Minimum Resource Security Required:

RELIABILITY STATUS, CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET

Contract Authority

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Inquiries

Inquiries regarding this RFP requirement must be submitted to the Contracting Authority named above. Request for Proposal (RFP) documents will be e-mailed directly from the Contracting Authority to the Qualified Supply Arrangement Holders who are being invited to bid on this requirement. BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT "BUYANDSELL.GC.CA" IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS. The Crown retains the right to negotiate with any supplier on any procurement. Documents may be submitted in either official language.

NOTE: Task and Solutions Professional Services (TSPS) Method of Supply is refreshed three (3) times per year. If you wish to find out how you can be a "Qualified SA Holder", please contact RCNMDAI.-NCRIMOS@pwgsc.gc.ca

¹ Audit engagements or assurance services refers to an objective examination of evidence for the purpose of providing an independent assessment on governance, risk management, and control processes for the organization. Examples may include financial, performance, compliance, system security, and due diligence engagements.

Evaluation is the systematic collection and analysis of evidence on the outcomes of programs to make judgments about their relevance and performance, and to examine alternative ways to deliver them or to achieve the same results. Evaluations include a combination of the following activities: developing methodology; collecting and analyzing data to develop findings, and writing reports and recommendations within the federal or provincial government context.