

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 procure training for NRCan personnel in the operations, maintenance, Launch, Recovery of ISE Explorer 5000 AUVs. The training will be composed of a week in class training and a following week of practical hands on training in the Bedford Basin. The training will support ongoing programs requiring targeted seabed mapping utilizing geophysical sonars (Sidescan sonar, bathymetry and sub-bottom profiler) in order to characterize the seabed morphology and geology.

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:

- Provider must have experience within the last 10 years providing ISE Explorer 5000 training courses at least 3 times.
- Supplier must be able to provide detailed course documentation which covers all aspects of operations, maintenance for an ISE Explorer 5000 AUV. This documentation will be used to assess the suppliers ability to provide the one week “in class” aspect of the training.
- Provider must have experience providing ISE Explorer 5000 practical in field training (hands on, mission planning, launch, survey operations/monitoring and recovery) at least two (2) times within the last 10 years.
- Supplier must be able to provide documentation supporting any experience.
- Provider must have in depth Knowledge and understanding of proprietary ISE Explorer 5000 systems demonstrable by evidence or specifically electronics systems, mechanical systems, sonars, mission planning software, fault tables, battery charging systems, maintenance procedures.

- Provider must be able to provide Résumés for all proposed training personnel which clearly details their experience working with and training personnel in the care/maintenance and operation of ISE Explorer 5000 AUVs.
- Provider must be able to submit three (3) references which can be checked to validate previous experience in providing ISE Explorer 5000 AUV training.

4. Trade Agreements

N/A

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, **International Submarine Engineering Ltd (ISE)**, is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

7. Exclusions and/or Limited Tendering Reasons

N/A

8. Contract Period

The contract period will be from date of award to March 31, 2020.

9. Estimated Cost

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$40,00.00 CAD inclusive.

10. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

International Submarine Engineering Ltd.
1734 Broadway Street
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2M8

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.

In order to present a Statement of Capabilities, a supplier must demonstrate that he meets all the mandatory requirements presented under 2. Definition of requirements

12. Closing Date

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is June 11, 2019 at 14:00 Eastern Standard Time.

13. Contract Authority

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