

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 GeoScienceWorld (GSW) represents a collaboration of membership organizations in the geosciences and its collection incorporates the full text of 46 major geoscience journals from 26+ societies and institutes from around the world. NRCan Library has had a subscription since July 2005 when these print journals first become available electronically. These journals are core resources to our Earth Science Sector clients accounting for over 22,320 full text downloaded articles in 2018.

The purpose of this requirement is to provide Natural Resource Canada Library (NRCan Library) with a subscription to and training in the use of the GeoScienceWorld which consists of 46 full text online journals and to provide the functionality of allowing direct linking to GSW from GeoRef.

NRCan requires the supplier to provide the following product, services and features :

1. GeoScienceWorld –List of individual journals and years available at:

https://pubs.geoscienceworld.org/DocumentLibrary/Journals_at_a_Glance_January_2019_GSW.pdf

2. Ability to accept linking from citations found in GeoRef to the full text of journals in GSW.

3. Bibliographic Software – the ability to download search results to bibliographic software such as RefWorks

4. Alerts – the ability to provide clients with alerts.

5. Search Functionalities – ability to provide a variety of search capabilities such as the following examples: browse journal issues, facets, physiographic feature or longitude and latitude search.

6. Account support - ability to provide monthly usage statistics.

7. Technical support - Telephone and email assistance with technical problems relating to GSW, during normal working hours at all sites across Canada.

8. Training - the ability to provide online training across Canada to all relevant NRCan Library sites.

3. Criteria for Assessment of the Statement of Capabilities

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that its product/equipment/system (*as appropriate*) meets the following requirements:

- Must be authorized by publishers to offer online access to at least 40 of the earth science journals listed in section 2 ,item list 1;
- For each journal, full-text access to current year as well as at least 20 years worth of archives, when applicable, must be available.
- All electronic journals must be available on a single platform;
- The platform must provide key functionalities as described in section 2

4. Trade Agreements

This procurement is subject to the following trade agreement(s):
North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);
Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA);
World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP).

5. Set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business

Not applicable

6. Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s)

Not applicable

7. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

The supplier mentioned in section 12 below 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

8. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations

The following exception to the Government Contracts Regulations is invoked for this procurement under subsection 6(d):

only one person is capable of performing the work

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

9. 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

World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP): Articles XIII (b))

10. Contract Period

The contract period will be from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 plus four (4) additional one (1) year option periods under the same terms and conditions as the initial contract.

Optional Year Periods:

August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021

August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022

August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023

11. Estimated Cost

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$42,213.01 USD/\$55,345.48 CAD inclusive plus \$181,727.02 USD/\$238,262.30 CAD for the total optional period for a total value of approximately \$223,940.03 USD/\$293,607.78 CAD

12. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

GeoScience World
1750 Tysons Boulevard
Suite 1500
McLean, VA

22102 USA

13. 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.

14. Closing Date

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is July 19, 2019 at 14:00 Eastern Standard Time.

15. Contract Authority

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