



ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows departments and agencies to post a notice, for no less than fifteen calendar days, indicating to the supplier community that it intends to award a good, service or construction contract to a pre-identified contractor. If no other supplier submits, during the fifteen calendar day posting period, a statement of capabilities that meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the competitive requirements of the government's contracting policy have been met. Following notification to suppliers not successful in demonstrating that their statement of capabilities meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the contract may then be awarded using the Treasury Board's electronic bidding authorities.

If other potential suppliers submit statements of capabilities during the fifteen-calendar day posting period, and meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the department or agency must proceed to a full tendering process on either the government's electronic tendering service or through traditional means, in order to award the contract.

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DESCRIPTIVE TITLE:

Economic and Environmental Feasibility Study

BACKGROUND

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) requires the research and analysis services of a firm with expertise in engineering, hydrological infrastructure, construction and economics. This firm would undertake a new study of potential solutions to enhance water security and water management in south central and southeastern Saskatchewan, including the Upper Qu'Appelle Water Supply Project (UQWSP) project. The requested work would build upon a 2012 study by Clifton Associates, revisiting all its data and analysis to assess if and to what extent new climatic and/or economic conditions alter its original conclusions. This new study would provide accurate, up-to-date information regarding:

- Opportunities to enhance water security and water management in south central and southeastern Saskatchewan;
- Whether the proposed upland conveyance remains the most effective and feasible option from an engineering, hydrological, economic and social standpoint;
- Updated cost estimates for the most feasible infrastructure option (accounting for real and nominal changes in cost);
- The economic impact (including sensitivity analysis) of the most feasible infrastructure option; and,
- Hydrological impacts of an infrastructure project for all provincial, municipal, and Indigenous partners and industrial and agricultural stakeholders across the South Saskatchewan River Basin.

REQUIREMENTS/RESULTS:

- Author to submit preliminary report that provides conclusions on (1) if UQWSP remains the most technically and financially feasible infrastructure option and (2) if and to what extent projected project costs have changed.
- Author to submit completed draft of full report for review by WD.
- Author to submit final report to WD, with all requested edits incorporated. WD, the Chief Strategist, and a panel of experts will conduct a final review.
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IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR

Name of Contractor: Clifton Associates
Address: 340 Maxwell Crescent
City: Regina, SK
Postal Code: S4N 5Y5

REASON FOR AWARDING CONTRACT TO THIS CONTRACTOR

Clifton Associates has significant experience with infrastructure projects in Saskatchewan, Canada, and around the world. Furthermore, in 2012, Clifton Associates conducted the last major study of options to enhance water security in southern Saskatchewan, and this institutional knowledge puts the firm in a unique position to deliver on this challenging project within short timeframes.

ESTIMATED COST

The period of the contract will be from August 12, 2019 – March 31, 2020. \$367,500.00 (incl. taxes) is the total estimated contract value.



APPLICABLE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND APPLICABLE LIMITED TENDERING REASONS:

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) (T.B. 10.2.8(b)) are applicable. With the absence of competition for technical reasons and that the services can only be supplied by Company X and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists is the basis for the limited tendering.

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR WRITTEN SUPPLIER RESPONSES
CHALLENGING THIS REQUIREMENT IS 2:00 P.M, EASTERN TIME, AUGUST 6,
2019.**

You are hereby notified that the government intends to solicit a bid and negotiate with the firm identified above.

You must submit a written response showing that you are capable of meeting this requirement no later than the closing date and time. Responses received after the closing date will not be considered. The Crown reserves the right not to open this procurement to competition.

Responses received on or before the closing date will be considered solely for deciding whether to conduct a competitive procurement. Information provided will be used by the Crown for technical evaluation purposes only and is not to be construed as a competitive solicitation. Your written response must provide sufficient evidence (e.g. specifications, technical data, drawings, or any other proof) that clearly demonstrates that your product or service is capable of fulfilling this requirement.

Suppliers that have submitted a response will be notified in writing of Industry Canada's decision to continue with the non-competitive procurement or to compete the requirement.

Should you have any questions concerning this requirement, contact the contracting officer identified above. The Industry file number, the contracting officer's name and the closing date of the ACAN must appear on the outside of the envelope in block letters or, in the case of a facsimile transmission, on the covering page.