

## **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**

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has a requirement study to measure the quantitative economic benefits that accrue to the Canadian economy from the public geoscientific information generated by the Geomapping for Energy and Minerals (GEM) and the Targeted Geoscience Initiative (TGI) programs. The main tasks are:

- 1) Analysis conducted through document and literature review, the examination of publicly available data and data provided by NRCan. Furthermore, where necessary, perform independent research into suitable assumptions and may consult with key stakeholders to address data gaps.
- 2) International benchmarking analysis conducted to measure the merits and performance of TGI and GEM relative to similar programs in other countries.
- 3) Assessing the study findings against the relative value of geoscience spending by Canada's competition in the mining space, such as Australia or the United States

### **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:

1. Knowledge and experience in the valuation of public goods, including public geoscience information through previous studies; and,
2. Experience in the valuation of public geoscience in a Canadian context.

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

The supplier mentioned in section 9 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.

#### **5. 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 in section 9 is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

#### **6. Ownership of Intellectual Property**

Ownership of any Foreground Intellectual Property arising out of the proposed contract will vest in the Contractor.

#### **7. Contract Period**

The contract period will be from contract award to October 31, 2019.

#### **8. Estimated Cost**

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$79,100.00 CAD, taxes included.

#### **9. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor**

Ernst & Young LLP  
100 Adelaide Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 0B3

## **10. 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.

## **11. Closing Date**

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is August 9, 2019.

## **12. Contract Authority**

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