



## ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

**Title:** Survey of Canadian gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (gbMSM) – 2020.

**Solicitation Number:** 1000212617

### 1. The Purpose and Explanation of an ACAN

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to post a notice for no less than fifteen (15) calendar days, indicating to the supplier community that a goods, services or construction contract will be awarded to a pre-identified contractor. If no other supplier submits, on or before the closing date, a Statement of Capabilities that meets the minimum requirements identified in the ACAN, the Contracting Authority may then proceed to award a contract to the pre-identified contractor.

### 2. Rights of Suppliers

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services or goods described in this ACAN may submit a Statement of Capabilities demonstrating how they meet the advertised requirement. This Statement of Capabilities must be provided via e-mail only to the contact person identified in Section 12 of the Notice on or before the closing date and time of the Notice. If the Bidder can clearly demonstrate they possess the required capabilities, the requirement will be opened to electronic or traditional bidding processes.

### 3. Proposed Contractor

Community-Based Research Centre Society (CBRC)  
1007-808 Nelson Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 2H2

### 4. Definition of Requirements or Expected Results

Since the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the early 1980's, gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (gbMSM) have been severely affected by the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted and bloodborne infections (STBBI) in Canada. In 2016, gbMSM made up an estimated 45.5% of people living with HIV. A national survey will provide valuable information for guiding public health interventions to address HIV among the gbMSM population.

PHAC set four strategic goals in its recently released framework for action on STBBI: reduce the incidence of STBBI in Canada; improve access to testing, treatment, and ongoing care and support; and reduce stigma and discrimination that create vulnerabilities to STBBI. There is currently a gap in the data needed to measure Canada's progress towards meeting these goals for populations most affected by HIV in Canada, including gbMSM. In order to bridge the information gap, PHAC intends on contracting the primary data collection of behavioural and biological data among gbMSM that are needed to monitor key STBBI-related indicators.

### 5. Minimum Requirements

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a Statement of Capabilities that it meets the following minimum requirements:

- a) Experience in conducting one or more surveys that is specific to the priority population of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.

- b) Experience developing one or more sexually transmitted and bloodborne infection (STBBI)-related behavioural questionnaires that captures HIV-related information, such as sociodemographics, sexual and drug use risk practices, other risk factors, and use of STBBI-related prevention and treatment services, within the context of venue-based sampling, that is specific to the priority population of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.
- c) Experience collecting behavioural and biological data for one or more surveys, within the context of venue-based sampling, that is specific to the priority population of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.
- d) Experience in the collection of Dried Blood Spot (DBS) for HIV and hepatitis C testing using universal precautions, within the context of venue-based sampling in a non-clinical setting in one or more surveys, that is specific to the priority population of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.
- e) Experience writing one or more reports on data collection processes, within the context of venue-based sampling that is specific to the priority population of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.
- f) Possess the capacity and resources for primary data collection of up to 4000 participants across Canada, within the context of venue-based sampling that is specific to the priority population of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.
- g) Proven ability for central coordination of multiple survey sites (10+) across Canada, within the context of venue-based sampling, that is specific to the priority population of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men.
- h) A community-based organization with a focus on the health of gay, bisexual, queer and two-spirit men, with established relationships with community-based gay men's health organizations and HIV/AIDS service organizations across Canada.

## **6. Reason for Non-Competitive Award**

Treasury Board Secretariat Contracting Policy, Section 10, subsection 10.2 – Only one person or firm is capable of performing the contract.

## **7. Ownership of Intellectual Property**

Canada will own the Intellectual Property as per the Policy on Title to Intellectual Property Arising Under Crown Procurement Contracts, exemption 4.1:

- The main purpose of the Crown Procurement Contract is to generate knowledge and information for public dissemination.

## **8. Period of the Proposed Contract**

The contract period shall be from date of contract award until March 31, 2021.

## **9. Estimated Value of the Proposed Contract**

The total estimated value of the proposed contract should not exceed \$575,000.00 including travel and living expenses (if applicable), and all applicable taxes.

## **11. Closing Date and Time**

The Closing Date and Time for accepting Statements of Capabilities is Friday, September 6, 2019, at 2 p.m. EDT.

## **12. Contact Person**

All enquiries must be addressed by e-mail to:

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