



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:

Prairie Water and Land Management Strategy – Hydrology Report & Identification of Issues and Priorities

BACKGROUND

Environmental changes are affecting water and land resources in the Prairies. Experts predict increased climate volatility – more extreme weather, longer droughts, and more severe localized flooding. To help address these challenges, Budget 2019 set aside up to \$1 million for Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) to develop a water and land management strategy for the Prairies. This strategy will be co-developed with Indigenous partners, provincial governments, municipal leaders, agricultural producers, industry, academics and not-for-profit groups. It will also be informed by a review of current and past federal and provincial initiatives to enhance water security, resilience and emergency preparedness.

REQUIREMENTS/RESULTS:

To understand water and land management issues and inform recommendations at a Prairie-wide level, WD requires the services of a firm with expertise in the development of baseline hydrology reports, and significant experience working with partners and stakeholders to support the development of sustainable land and water management strategies, including identifying specific issues, challenges, opportunities, and priorities.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR

Name of Contractor: WaterSMART Solutions Inc.
Address: 605 839 5th Avenue SW
City: Calgary

Country:

Canada

REASON FOR AWARDING CONTRACT TO THIS CONTRACTOR

The identified contractor was involved in the Prairie Water Summit held in Regina this past June, giving them an in-depth understanding of WD's objectives. This will help them deliver a high quality report that is expected to meet WD's expectations. By having this background information, the contractor is uniquely positioned to deliver the required work within the identified timelines - something which would not likely be possible for other firms to accomplish.

The contractor also has a team of highly qualified water scientists, policy personnel and facilitators who have an intimate understanding of hydrology in the region.

Lastly, the contractor's credibility and reputation with provincial governments and other partners is essential to ensuring meaningful and impactful information is relayed to WD for consideration in the development of the Prairie Water and Land Management Strategy.

ESTIMATED COST

The period of the contract will be from December 5, 2019 to March 31, 2020 and the total amount of the contract is estimated to be \$100,000.00 including taxes.



APPLICABLE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND APPLICABLE LIMITED TENDERING REASONS:

The *North American Free Trade Agreement*, the *World Trade Organization – Agreement on Government Procurement*, and the *Agreement on Internal Trade* permit the contracting authority to set aside the requirement to solicit bids under section 10.2.8(b) of the Treasury Board Secretariat [Contracting Policy](#).

Section 6(d) of the *Government Contracting Regulations* permits the contracting authority to set aside the requirement to solicit bids.

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR WRITTEN SUPPLIER RESPONSES
CHALLENGING THIS REQUIREMENT IS 2:00PM, MST, DECEMBER 5, 2019.**

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

If you wish to submit a written response showing that you are capable of meeting this requirement, it must be done not later than the closing date and time. As it is intended to proceed in a timely manner, 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 the purpose of deciding whether or not 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.