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Request for Information (RFI)

Concrete Float Modules – SAR Facility Site Work in Hartley Bay, BC in 2020

BACKGROUND OF THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) is a Special Operating Agency within the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The mandate of the CCG is to provide aids to navigation systems; marine communications and traffic services; ice breaking and ice management services; channel maintenance; marine search and rescue; marine pollution response; and support of other government departments boards and agencies by providing ships, aircraft and other services.

In 2016, the Government of Canada launched the Oceans Protection Plan (OPP) in an effort to protect our coasts and waterways. Through OPP funding, it was decided that a new Search & Rescue (SAR) Facility would be built in the remote area of Hartley Bay, BC. The Gitga'at First Nations community of Hartley Bay, BC is a remote village that is only accessible by boat or plane with a population of approximately 200 people. It is located 145 kilometers south of Prince Rupert. Currently, there is an emergency response program in Hartley Bay operated by the people of the Gitga'at First Nations. In November 2017, CCG and the Gitga'at First Nation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with three main objectives: to help improve maritime Search and Rescue, Environmental Response, Marine Communications and Traffic Services, and Waterways Management in the Pacific North Coast; to identify and deliver training to Gitga'at members; and to identify potential procurement and employment opportunities for Gitga'at members by and with the Coast Guard.

Map showing location of Hartley Bay



DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

A contract has been awarded for some of the building components of the SAR facility in Hartley Bay. This RFI relates to subsequent marine site work that is required, to begin in June 2020.

The site work will include:

- Installation of 17x52m concrete float supporting a modular CCG SAR Station, moored by two 762mm steel piles. Float is owner supplied and must be towed by contractor from Steveston, BC.
- Installation of a 17x52m concrete breakwater float, moored by fourteen synthetic mooring lines. Float is owner supplied and must be towed by contractor from Steveston, BC.
- Rehabilitation and replacement of a three High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe breakwater
- Supply and install a 20m aluminum gangway for access to SAR Station float

Below is a list of Typical Work, Skills, Equipment and Sub-contracting required for this project. The list is intended to generate ideas of potential socio-economic benefits that could be offered to the First Nation in proximity to the SAR station in Hartley Bay, BC.

Skilled Trades	Equipment	Other
Heavy Timber Framing Carpenters	Tugs	Accommodation
Pile drivers	Barges with winches	Meals
Surveyors	Cranes	
Commercial / Industrial Divers	Survey	
Labourers	Rock Drill Rig and rock drilling hand equipment	
Crane and winch operators	Pneumatic and hydraulic power packs	
Welders	Dive Tender boat	
Watercraft operators		
Rock drillers		

CONTEMPLATED PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

As part of the Government of Canada's goal of modernizing procurement practices, PSPC is considering initiatives including that of indigenous procurement and developing initiatives to increase the diversity of bidders on government contracts, including that of Indigenous Peoples. PSPC invites input from the Indigenous and non-Indigenous business communities. This feedback may also allow for consideration of potential socio-economic benefits, such as skills and economic development within the area.

This requirement will not be set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business. Although not yet finalized, the contemplated procurement strategy will be publicly tendered competitively as a Request for Proposal or Invitation to Tender that are open to any Indigenous and Non-Indigenous firms as well as Joint Ventures.

A portion of evaluation strategies in these potential procurements will include either mandatory or point-rated criterion focused toward an Indigenous Benefits Plan (IBP) related to the First Nations community in proximity to the SAR Station in Hartley Bay, BC. Conversely, the evaluation strategy may include a combination of both types of criterion.

The objective of an IBP is to provide direct meaningful and sustainable economic development benefits to local Indigenous Nations.

The local community is the Gitga'at First Nation. For this project the local contact person in the community is:

Roger Sterritt
Manager
Gitga'at Emergency Response Team
(778) 884-5385
rogersterritt@gitgaat.ca

or

Eddie Robinson
Emergency Director
(778) 884-2564
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Interested bidders are encouraged to engage with local First Nations.

PURPOSE OF THIS RFI

The purpose of this RFI is to:

- Gather information and interest in this planned project
- Provide awareness of the planned project to the local Indigenous business community and industry
- Initiate an industry and community consultative process
- Determine Indigenous Business and industrial capacity of local First Nations

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS

For the purpose of this project, Canada is interested in determining the current and future capacity for the provision of construction material, equipment, labour and skills within the traditional territories of the Local First Nations.

Please consider the following questions in your response to this RFI.

1) Do you own or operate a company or Joint Venture? If so, please provide a list of the Skills and equipment you offer. Please include a description of your company or joint venture including a brief history of work and/or project(s) completed within the last 10 years (if any).

2) For prime contractors considering this opportunity, how could you work with sub-contractors, labour, training (e.g. apprenticeships), material, goods, equipment and services available from the Local First Nations? How would your company organize and manage this?

3) For both indigenous people and industry members, have you previously encountered incentive strategies that encouraged different methods of engagement and contracting with First Nations? Did any of these result in delivering skills development for indigenous people, increasing industrial capacity for First Nations owned businesses and providing substantiated economic benefits to the local First Nations? If yes, what were the results? If no, why?

4) Canada aims to include benefits in the areas of Subcontracting, provision of goods and services, skills development and training, direct labour, and other measures. What other measures do you think would provide benefit and be acceptable to local First Nations?

5) Canada can use point-rated criteria or use mandatory criteria in the request for Indigenous Benefits Plan (IBP) in the solicitation. Which of these approaches do you recommend for incorporating procurement measures benefitting the local First Nations for this project?

6) Does a requirement for an Indigenous Benefits Plan (IBP) impact your decision to participate in this procurement?

7) One of the indigenous procurement measures implemented for this procurement may be to ensure that a minimum percentage of subcontracting consist of diverse suppliers, which in this case would be focused toward the local First Nations. What percentage of subcontracting with diverse suppliers might be achievable? For example, one approach could be to include a rated criterion in the RFP to award 5-15% of the total technical score on the basis of subcontracting to diverse suppliers. A diverse supplier is currently defined as a business owned or led by Canadians from underrepresented groups, such, Indigenous Peoples.

8) PSPC is considering various models to confirm that a supplier meets the definition of a diverse supplier. One option is that suppliers self-certify with an attestation, which would be verified by PSPC through audits throughout the life of the contract. Should PSPC use attestation (self-certification) followed by audits, or certification by established certification organizations to qualify diverse suppliers? What other methods would you propose we use to verify diverse suppliers? A second option is to make use of third party organizations which verify that suppliers meet the diverse supplier definition and provide a certification for a fee such as:

<https://www.buysocialcanada.com/suppliers>
Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council
WBE Canada, Certified Women Business Enterprises
Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
Inclusive Workplace Supply Council of Canada

We invite you to identify any other issues, concerns, or recommendations not addressed above.

NOTE TO RESPONDENTS

Respondents may submit their responses to the PSPC Contracting Authority, identified below, preferably via email.

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Public Services and Procurement Canada
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A point of contact for the Respondent should be included in the response.

COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

In order to facilitate this information-gathering exercise, a Community and Industry Engagement event is scheduled. This event will provide contractors and the local First Nations the opportunity to meet and discuss partnering, sub-contracting, and skills development.

Date: December 12, 2019
Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm PDT/MST
Location: Teleconference or Videoconference (Webex)

Respondents can participate via teleconference or Webex. Interested suppliers should register a maximum of two representatives by notifying the Contracting Authority identified above (Danielle Chiasson) no later than 4:00 pm PDT/MST on December 10, 2019. Further details will be provided to respondents.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO RESPONDENTS

This RFI is neither a call for tender nor a Request for Proposal (RFP). No agreement or contract will be entered into based on this RFI. The issuance of this RFI is not to be considered in any way a commitment by the Government of Canada, nor as authority to potential respondents to undertake any work that could be charged to Canada. This RFI is not to be considered as a commitment to issue a subsequent solicitation or award contract(s) for the work described herein.

This RFI is not intended to constitute, or be interpreted as, a call for tenders, a call for proposals, or as a pre-qualification process. Submission of a response to this RFI or participation in a meeting is not intended to, nor does it, create any contractual or other legally binding obligation or duty, including any obligation or duty to accept or reject information, to enter into negotiations or decline to enter into or continue negotiations, or to award or decline to award a contract. Participation in this RFI and the submission of a response to this RFI is not a pre-condition to participation in a subsequent commercial process, if any.

Respondents are requested to provide their comments, concerns, and, where applicable, alternative recommendations regarding how the requirements or objectives described in this RFI could be satisfied. Respondents should explain any assumptions they make in their responses.

There is no formal structure or format that a response to this RFI should meet. The respondent should feel free to submit whatever information it feels would make a useful and relevant

contribution to PSPC analysis of this project and the development of solicitation documents to procure a solution to fulfill its requirements.

Canada may, in its sole discretion, contact any respondents to follow up with additional questions or for clarification of any aspect of a response.

This RFI will not result in the creation of any source list. Therefore, whether or not any potential supplier responds to this RFI will not preclude that supplier from participating in any future procurement.

All responses will be treated as confidential, subject to the provisions of the Access to Information Act (R.S. 1985, c. A-1) and the Privacy Act (R.S., 1985, c. P-21).

PSPC will in no way make any direct attribution of any information obtained from respondents that has been identified by respondents as confidential or proprietary within their responses.

Responses will not be formally evaluated. However, PSPC will review all responses received by the RFI closing date. PSPC may, at their discretion, review responses received after the RFI closing date.

A review team composed of representatives of PSPC will review the responses received. PSPC reserves the right to hire any independent consultant or use any resources that it considers necessary to review any response, in part or in its entirety. Not all members of the review team will necessarily review all responses.

In addition to any other expressed or implied rights, PSPC reserves the right to:

- .1 Cancel this RFI process at any time;
- .2 Cancel this RFI process at any time and issue a new RFI for the same or similar information;
- .3 Make amendments to the timing and/or structure of this RFI process, including the closing date of the RFI, at its exclusive discretion;
- .4 Request additional supporting information or clarification from any or all respondents, and/or provide to respondents additional clarification and information pertinent to this RFI;
- .5 Contact any customer or reference provided within a respondents submission; and
- .6 Not consider any response, in its entirety, containing information which PSPC in its opinion, believes to contain misrepresentations or any other inaccurate, suspicious or misleading information.

Questions regarding this RFI must be submitted electronically and to the contracting representative named above. Questions must be received no later than December 23, 2019 in order to allow sufficient time to provide a response. Enquiries received after that time may result in an answer NOT being provided.

Feedback and responses related to this RFI are requested no later than December 30, 2019 in order to allow for its review. Feedback and responses received after this date may not be considered.

Changes to the RFI may occur and will be advertised on the Government Electronic Tendering System (buyandsell.gc.ca). PSPC may provide written answers to questions received on or before the RFI closing date by means of RFI addenda and or Questions and Answers Posted on Buyandsell.gc.ca. Canada asks Respondents to visit Buyandsell.gc.ca regularly to check for changes, if any.