



ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

1. Definition

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows departments and agencies to post a notice, for no less than fifteen (15) 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, on or before the closing date, a Statement of Capabilities that meets 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 Statement 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.

2. Requirement

The Contractor is required to:

- Give technical advice on both the whatIf? software and the OEE models;
- Develop and/or implement any modification to OEE models requested as outlined in specific Task Authorization;
- Provide training to OEE employee(s) on whatIf? software which include:
 - How to create, load and run model frameworks.
 - How to create, load and run views.
 - How to create, load and run scenarios.
 - How to create and load informants.
 - How to code and debug procedure boxes.
- Develop new features and/or algorithms for whatIf? according to OEE specifications and implement these features and/or algorithms into whatIf? Software;
- Provide phone and on-site systems management services for whatIf? software as detailed below; and
- Provide whatIf? decision support tools update service for each year (licensed seats).

3. Scope of Work

The Contractor must conduct, assist and/or train OEE analysts, including support services of the following tasks listed below on an "as and when requested" basis.

Tasks to be performed:

Professional Services for Database/Model work:

- a) Create new Database/model,
- b) Revise existing Databases/model,
- c) Assist in writing code modification to the existing Databases/model,
- d) Give help with the annual data update procedures,
- e) Create and update data documentations,
- f) Manipulate data,
- g) Develop viewing tools (views writing),
- h) Provide advice and help on database scenarios management,
- i) Provide training on any of the previous scope of work with the following specifications. The training must:
 - i. be provided on an "as and when requested" basis for up to 12 users.



- ii. be on a one on one basis.
- iii. take place in a classroom.
- iv. have tutorial manuals, in electronic format, for the software.
- v. assist the trainee(s) in performing the whatIf? Software operations:
 - How to create, load and run model frameworks.
 - How to create, load and run views.
 - How to create, load and run scenarios.
 - How to create and load informants.
 - How to code and debug procedure boxes.

3.1 *Specific whatIf? Upgrade*

Provide new whatIf? software version with the requested features implemented. The update service must also provide the latest releases of the whatIf? software once they become available.

3.2 *Software Maintenance*

Provide assistance and solutions for any technical defects that may arise in the whatIf? software associated to specific data manipulation operations.

4. **Client Support**

The contractor will provide systems management services. They will provide On-Call assistance for technical assistances on the whatIf? software with 1 hour response time guaranteed between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on regular working hours.

5. **Deliverables**

The deliverables will be grouped under the categories, as follows:

- Software maintenance
- Professional services
- Upgrade services,

Professional Services

The contractor must provide professional services on an “as and when requested” for the duration of the contract, upon receipt of individual Task Authorization forms specifying the services required. The contractor must complete the services specified in each Task Authorization. Task Authorizations will not be issued for the On-Call phone assistance.

Upgrade Services

Update service provides the latest releases of the whatIf? software once they become available. Update services for upgrades to the whatIf? software with requested features implemented.

Software Maintenance

If a technical problem occurs with the software, whatIf? Technologies Inc. must provide the solution to that problem.



6. Period of the Contract

It is anticipated that the contract will begin upon date of award and end **March 31, 2021**, with up to two (2) additional one (1) year option periods.

7. Estimated Cost

The approximate cost of this requirement will not exceed \$240,000.00 CAD. Customs duty included and Applicable Taxes extra.

8. Trade Agreements

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under NAFTA (Article 1016.2)

1016.2(b) - where, for works of art, or for reasons connected with the protection of patents, copyrights or other exclusive rights, or proprietary information or where there is an absence of competition for technical reasons, the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists;

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under Canada-Chile (Article Kbis-09)

Kbis-09 (b) - where, for works of art, or for reasons connected with the protection of patents, copyrights or other exclusive rights, or proprietary information or where there is an absence of competition for technical reasons, the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists;

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under CFTA (Article 513.bi)

506.12(b) – where there is an absence of competition for technical reasons and the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no alternative or substitute exists;

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under Canada-Honduras (Article 17.11)

17.11.2 b) a good or service being procured can be supplied only by a particular supplier and a reasonable alternative or substitute does not exist because:

- (i) the good or service is a work of art,
- (ii) the good or service is protected by a patent, copyright or other exclusive intellectual property right, or
- (iii) there is an absence of competition for technical reasons;

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under Canada-Panama (Article 16.10)

16.10.1b) a good or service being procured can be supplied only by a particular supplier and a reasonable alternative or substitute does not exist because:

- (i) the good or service is a work of art,
- (ii) the good or service is protected by a patent, copyright or other exclusive intellectual property right, or
- (iii) there is an absence of competition for technical reasons;

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under Canada-Columbia and Canada-Peru (Article 1409.b)

b) Where the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute goods or services exist for any of the following reasons:

- a) The requirement is for a work of art,
- b) The protection of patents, copyrights or other exclusive rights, or
- c) Due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;

Applicable Limited Tendering Provision under Canada-Ukraine (Article 10.13.b)

(b) if the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute goods or services exist for any of the following reasons:

- (i) the requirement is for a work of art;
- (ii) the protection of patents, copyrights or other exclusive rights; or
- (iii) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons



9. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations and applicable trade agreements

Sole Source Justification - Exception of the Government Contract Regulations (GCR):

(d) Only one person or firm is capable of performing the contract

The Supplier must be able to meet all of the following criteria:

- The Vendor developed the whatif? Software and is the only firm that can design and/or implement whatif? specialized applications.
- They are the only firm that can provide upgrades, support and maintenance to these applications.

The identified provider, whatif? Technologies Inc. is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

10. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

Whatif? Technologies Inc.
34 Hereford Place
Ottawa, Ontario
K1Y 3S5

14. Inquiries on Submission of 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.

15. Closing Date

Closing Date: April 06, 2020
Closing Time: 2:00 p.m. EDT

15. Contract Authority

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