

ACAN – Testing Canadian Wheat Germplasm For Resistance to Wheat Blast (WB)

This Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is a public notice indicating to the supplier community that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada intends to award a service contract 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 this ACAN, the Contracting Officer may then proceed with the award to the pre-identified supplier.

REQUIREMENTS:

The Contractor will collaboratively screen Canadian germplasm for WB resistance. The screening will be performed in three (3) locations;

- Bolivia, Okinawa (Lowland) during May to September
- Bolivia, Quirusillas (Highland) during December to March
- Bangladesh, Jashore (Lowland) during December to April

Germplasm will be sown in two planting dates. The WB screening natural inoculum will be supplemented with artificial inoculation. Laboratories are required close to the field for inoculum production as fresh inoculum is needed for each inoculation. Both days to heading and plant height notes are required to take into consideration phenology of the plants vs WB reaction. Misting systems are required at all three screening sites to develop and maintain an optimum disease screening environment.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES :

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that they are able to provide the above requirement in the countries stated and provide details of how they can meet regulations for WB testing, how the testing will be regulated and monitored in an environmentally safe manner as required.

CONTRACT PERIOD:

Upon Contract Award to April 30, 2021, with two (2), one (1) year options to extend.

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$25,000.00 (taxes included)

Option Years, if exercised:

Option Year 1: May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022, \$25,000.00 CAD

Option Year 2: May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023, \$25,000.00 CAD

PRE-IDENTIFIED SUPPLIER :

International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT)

Km. 45, Carretera

México-Veracruz, El Batán,

Texcoco CP 56237

Edo. de México, Mexico

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION:

WB disease is highly influenced by environmental conditions, hence multiple environments for testing are needed. WB testing can only be done in certain countries as listed above and is regulated and monitored in an environmentally safe manner by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT).

ACAN NOTICE:

You are hereby notified that the government intends to negotiate with one firm only as identified above. Should you have any questions concerning this requirement, contact the Contracting Authority.

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 Contracting Authority may then proceed with the award. However, should a Statement of Capabilities be found to meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, then the Contracting Authority will proceed to a full tendering process.

STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES CLOSING DATE AND TIME:

The closing date and time for acceptance of Statement of Capabilities is April 30, 2020, at 2:00 pm CST.

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services described herein, may submit a statement of capabilities by Email to the contact person identified in this Notice on or before the closing date of this notice. The statement of capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements.

The Solicitation Number, Name of Contracting Authority and closing date of the ACAN must appear within your Statement of Capabilities.

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY:

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