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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) PRE-TENDER OPTIONAL SITE VISIT AND INFORMATION SESSION

MAIN CONSTRUCTION AND CARE & MAINTENANCE MANAGER FARO MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT (FMRP) FARO MINE COMPLEX, FARO, YUKON TERRITORY

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PART 1 – PURPOSE OF THE RFI

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), on behalf of Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), is preparing a tender for the Main Construction and Care & Maintenance Manager (MCM and C&M) for the Faro Mine Remediation Project in Faro, Yukon Territory. Prior to posting the Request for Proposal (RFP), the purpose of this RFI is to notify potential bidders of an upcoming pre-tender optional site visit and information session hosted by PSPC and CIRNAC.

It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that all interested suppliers who intend on submitting a proposal for this future RFP attend this pre-tender optional site visit and information session. As the RFP is anticipated to be posted in the winter of 2020/2021, this will be an opportunity for interested suppliers to view the site well before winter conditions set in.

The intent of this site visit is for potential bidders to view the most important areas and various work activities at the Faro Mine Complex, as well as to get an appreciation of the level of effort required to manage work at site and provide care and maintenance services. A short information briefing on the project status and procurement overview will be offered.

It is anticipated that a mandatory bidders' conference will be held in Whitehorse, YT during the future solicitation period. The scope of the requirements in the bid solicitation will be reviewed during this future conference, including with respect to an Indigenous Benefits Plan (IBP), and more questions will be addressed at that time.

This notice only describes an anticipated solicitation. The provision of this Notice and/or attendance at the site visit and information session does not constitute a contract between Canada / PSPC and the interested supplier.

PART 2 – PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Faro Mine Complex (FMC) is an abandoned lead-zinc mine located in south-central Yukon, near the town of Faro and approximately 350 kilometers northeast of Whitehorse. The site is approximately 25 square kilometers in size. The FMC can be divided into three major areas: the Faro Mine area, the Rose Creek Tailings Area, and the Vangorda Plateau.

The Faro Mine Site was in production from 1969 to 1992 and the Vangorda Plateau Mine was in production from 1986 to 1998. When Anvil Range Mining Corporation declared bankruptcy in 1998, the site was subsequently entered into receivership. The Government of Canada has taken responsibility of the existing environmental liabilities on the property, including approximately 55 million tons of acidic lead / zinc tailings, 250 million tons of acid generating waste rock and 90,000 m³ of un-remediated hydrocarbon contaminated soil.

The Faro Mine Complex is currently under Care and Maintenance and urgent works are taking place while the Project is in its Design phase, before full remediation begins. The Implementation phase of the remediation plan will have a number of individual components including, but not limited to: the consolidation of tailings and of waste rock, the covering and revegetating of waste rock and tailings, decommissioning and removal of mine infrastructure, and water management for contaminated, treated, and clean water, including the use of existing water management infrastructure, and the addition of water treatment facilities. Active remediation will also include the development of supporting infrastructure such as energy supply and transmission, borrow areas, support services building, and ongoing care and maintenance at the Faro Mine Site. The overall remediation approach is based on a "stabilize-in-place" concept and the active remediation phase is anticipated take approximately 15 years to complete.

Further information on the Faro Mine Remediation Project may be found at:
<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1480019546952/1537554989037>

PART 3 – WORK DESCRIPTION

The future MCM and C&M Contract will have two (2) distinct Terms (Term 1 and Term 2) with activities specific to each term. Activities such as project administration, site management and remediation and care & maintenance are required in both terms.

Both terms could cover a period that would span 20 years and the contract cost estimate could be larger than \$1.5 Billion dollars. It is envisioned that one contract will be established to cover both terms for the MCM and C&M requirement.

The future MCM and C&M contract may include, but is not limited to the following tasks/activities;;

- Overall coordination and management, scheduling, financial management of all of the MCM's own activities and the work of sub-contractors required to carrying out the overall project at the Faro Mine Complex
- Role of constructor and mine manager, fully responsible for the overall Health & Safety at the Faro Mine Complex, as per the Government of the Yukon Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations
- Care and Maintenance (C&M), which involves continued site operations at the Faro and Vangorda mine sites, including water management and treatment, and to maintain the infrastructure so as to prevent adverse effects on persons, property and the environment, and to counteract, mitigate and remedy adverse effects that do occur
- Conversion of various design packages into construction packages
- Construction sequencing and scheduling
- Constructability and construction risk assessments
- Assistance with development of substantive cost estimate to support Effective Project Approval (EPA) by PSPC and CIRNAC
- Construction Work to mitigate immediate Health, Safety or Environmental Risks identified by the Project Team, as and when required
- Completion of outstanding advanced remediation construction activities (if necessary)
- Execution of the active remediation work packages as a general contractor

PART 4 – INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

The Government of Canada is committed to reconciliation and meaningful engagement with Indigenous Peoples. The Faro Mine site is situated within the Traditional Territory of the Kaska Nation. As part of Canada's commitment to reconciliation, it is anticipated that this future procurement will include the requirement for an Indigenous Benefits Plan (IBP) that provides socio-economic benefits to the local First Nations on whose traditional territory the project is located.

PART 5 – PRE-TENDER OPTIONAL SITE VISIT AND INFORMATION SESSION

5.1 Details

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Time: 7:00AM (PT) to 6:00PM (PT)
Location: Faro Mine Complex, Faro, Yukon Territory

Due to limited space on the air charter from Whitehorse to the Faro Mine Site, each entity or group of entities intending to submit a bid for the future RFP will be limited to two (2) representatives. Attendees may arrange their own transportation to and from the Faro Mine Site, however the limit is still two (2) representatives.

5.2 Agenda

Attendees are to meet at 7:15 am (PT) at the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse Airport, located at 75 Barkley Grow Crescent, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. There will be parking available at the airport. Interested suppliers that have their own transportation to the Faro Mine Site are to meet at the Faro Mine Security Office at 9:00 am PT.

Time	Event
8:00 AM to 8:45 AM	Departure Flight from Whitehorse to Faro
9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Registration and Security Orientation
9:45 AM to 10:00 AM	Welcoming Remarks & Procurement Overview
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Project Status Update and Tour Objectives
10:35 AM to 12:30 PM	Tour Part 1 : Faro Mine Site
12:30 PM to 1:15 PM	Lunch (to be provided onsite)
1:15 PM to 3:00 PM	Tour Part 2 : Faro Mine site
3:00 to 4:00 PM	Tour Part 3 : Vangorda / Grum Mine Site
4:00 PM to 4:45 PM	Final Remarks
5:00 PM to 5:45 PM	Return Flight from Faro to Whitehorse

Questions may be addressed, however all questions may not be able to be answered at the pre-tender site visit and information session. Any answers provided, or any questions unable to be answered at the site visit will be recorded and responded to on buyandsell.gc.ca.

5.3 Registration

Interested suppliers must confirm their attendance and provide the names of the person(s) who will attend by completing the form provided in Annex A and submitting it to the Contracting Authority, by no later than 4:00 PM Pacific Time, Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

5.4 Travel Costs

All travel, accommodation, meals, and other costs associated with attending the pre-tender optional site visit and information session will be borne by the bidder or its representative(s), with the exception of the return flight from Whitehorse to Faro, Yukon Territory.

5.5 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

It is mandatory that all persons attending the pre-tender site visit have the proper safety footwear (CSA approved green patch), hard hats, high visibility vests and safety glasses. Individuals who do not have the required PPE will be denied access to the site.

5.6 COVID-19 Protocols

Appropriate safety measures and protocols at the time of this site visit will be put in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. These protocols will be communicated to bidders at least one week in advance of the scheduled site visit. In the event that the Yukon Territory's reopening plan does not allow visitors from outside the Territory by September 16, 2020, PSPC and CIRNAC will conduct a virtual site visit on the same scheduled day. Updates will be provided through an amendment to this notice, between now and September 16, 2020.

PART 6 – IMPORTANT NOTE TO RESPONDENTS

An overriding principle of industry engagement through this RFI process is that it is to be conducted with the utmost fairness and equity between all parties. No one person or organization shall receive nor be perceived to have received any unusual or unfair advantage over the others.

To encourage open dialogue, participants agree:

- That this RFI is neither a call for tender nor a Request for Proposal (RFP). 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.
- That this RFI is not to be considered a commitment to issue a subsequent solicitation or award contract(s) for the work described herein.
- That this RFI is not intended to constitute, or be interpreted as a call for tenders or a call for proposals. 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.
- That questions regarding this RFI must be submitted electronically and to the Contracting Authority.
- That 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.
- That participation is not a mandatory requirement. Not participating will not preclude a supplier from submitting a bid for the future RFP.
- That Canada will not reimburse any person or entity for any cost incurred in participating in this RFI.
- That in addition to any other expressed or implied rights, Canada 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.

ANNEX A – Pre-Tender Optional Site Visit and Information Session Registration (Mandatory Form)

Respondents are to submit the form to the PSPC Contracting Authority, identified below, preferably via email.

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