

## **ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)**

### **1. Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN)**

An ACAN is a public notice indicating to the supplier community that a department or agency intends to award a contract for goods, services or construction 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 the ACAN, the contracting officer may then proceed with the award to the pre-identified supplier.

### **2. Definition of Requirements**

The department of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has a requirement for a vendor to support the 2nd phase of the Axios assyst Upgrade and Enhancement Project which began in the Fall of 2018. At that time, NRCan contracted to Sierra Systems for the upgrade of Axios assyst to V11 to make use of the enhanced web interface, provide multi-lingual support and reconfigure the Configuration Management Database to better align with NRCan's vision, business objectives and IT Service Management maturity.

Having migrated away from the former Windows-based solution, Natural Resources Canada wants to continue to move their assyst V11 application from preproduction to their production environment, as well as support a number of related enhancements through the configuration of functionalities and features within the Axios V11 platform.

### **3. Criteria for Assessment of the Statement of Capabilities**

Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that it meets the following requirements:

- 1) **MUST** have Axios Systems certification to provide authorized assyst® solution implementation services and certified commercial assyst® training; and
- 2) **MUST** have an Axios assyst Senior Architect and an Axios assyst Implementation Specialist resource to perform the work.

### **4. Trade Agreements**

This procurement is subject to the following trade agreement(s):

Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA);  
Canada–Chile Free Trade Agreement;  
Canada–Colombia Free Trade Agreement;

Canada–Honduras Free Trade Agreement;  
Canada–Korea Free Trade Agreement;  
Canada–Panama Free Trade Agreement; and  
Canada–Peru Free Trade Agreement.

## **5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier**

The supplier mentioned in section 6 below is the only known supplier that meets the mandatory criteria set out in section 3 above.

Should Canada receive a statement of capabilities from a supplier that contains sufficient information to indicate that it meets the requirements set forth in this ACAN, a competitive process will be triggered with a technical and financial evaluation methodology of the bids proposed by the potential bidders

## **6. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations**

The following exception(s) to the Government Contracts Regulations is (are) invoked for this procurement under subsection:

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

The identified provider, Sierra Systems Group Inc., is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

## **7. Exclusions and/or Limited Tendering Reasons**

The following exclusion(s) and/or limited tendering reasons are invoked under the:

Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA): 513.1(b) (iii);  
Canada–Chile Free Trade Agreement: Kbis-09 (b), Kbis-09 (c);  
Canada–Colombia Free Trade Agreement: 1409 (b) (iii);  
Canada–Honduras Free Trade Agreement: Article 17.11 2 (b) (iii);  
Canada–Korea Free Trade Agreement: Article 14.3, Under the Revised GPA - Article XIII, 1 (b) (iii);  
Canada–Panama Free Trade Agreement: Article 16.10 (b) (iii); and  
Canada–Peru Free Trade Agreement: 1409 (b) (iii).

## **8. Ownership of Intellectual Property**

Ownership of any Foreground Intellectual Property arising out of the proposed contract will vest in the Contractor.

## **9. Period of the Contract**

The period of the contract will be from contract award to March 31, 2021.

## **10. Estimated Cost**

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$ 181,082.50 CAD inclusive.

## **11. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor**

Sierra Systems Group Inc.  
275 Slater Street  
Ottawa, ON  
K1P 5H9

## **12. Suppliers' right to submit a 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.

## **13. Closing Date**

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is:

2:00PM EDT  
August 28, 2020

## **14. Contract Authority**

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