

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

Natural Resources Canada requires survey work to support an Easement (Flooding) on Couchiching Indian Reserve No. 16A, described in SGB project 202014041. Couchiching Indian Reserve No. 16A is in the District of Rainy River, Province of Ontario.

This project started in 2009 and required that a Registration Plan be prepared to describe the Easement (Flooding).

It is a requirement that First Nations approve the survey plans before they are recorded. The surveyors completed provisional plans and these were reviewed and approved internally by Canada, but First Nation approval was not received.

Canada now requires that these survey products originally produced be updated and finalized.

It is necessary to complete the survey documents by March 16, 2021 to meet the timetable set at the negotiation table for the implementation of the Easement (Flooding). Field conditions dictate that all field work on or under water be completed prior to the arrival of winter conditions.

The area surveyed is shown on "Sketch Illustrating the Approximate Location Flooding Easements Project 202014041, attached.

The specific survey requirements for this project can be found as *Survey Instructions Project 202014041*, attached.

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:

- a. The supplier must have surveyed the lands as shown on "Sketch Illustrating the Approximate Location Flooding Easements Project 202014041" and can provide the survey plans and report for review by both the Surveyor General Branch of NRCan and the Office of the Surveyor

General.

- b. The supervising surveyor must be licensed as a Canada Lands Surveyor, and have at least 5 years' experience in providing professional survey services.
- c. The supplier must confirm compliance with the project timelines (complete the work by January 6, 2021).
- d. The supplier must hold a valid Permit pursuant to the Canada Lands Surveyor Regulations (SOR /99-142).
- d. The supplier must have completed at least five (5) projects on Canada Lands or proposed Canada Lands. "Canada Lands" is defined in the Canada Lands Surveys Act Part II, Section 24(1).
- e. The supplier must provide the names of key replacement personnel (Canada Lands Surveyor).

4. Trade Agreements – Not applicable

5. Set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business – Not applicable

6. Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s) – Not applicable

7. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

We intend to deal directly with the supplier mentioned in section 10 below as, it is that firm is the only 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.

8. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations

The following exception(s) to the Government Contracts Regulations is (are) invoked for this procurement under subsection 6(d) – "only one person is capable of performing the work".

The identified supplier, **Rugged Geomatics Inc.**, is the only firm able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

9. Exclusions and/or Limited Tendering Reasons – Not applicable

10. Ownership of Intellectual Property – Not applicable

11. Contract Period

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

12. Estimated Cost

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$ 203,000.00 CAD inclusive. Applicable taxes are extra.

13. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor

Rugged Geomatics Inc.
138 Main Street South
Kenora, ON P9N 1S9

14. 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.

15. Closing Date

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is November 3, 2020 at 09:00 Eastern Standard Time.

16. Contract Authority

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