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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 the requirement

Department of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has a requirement for the repair and preventative maintenance of the following scientific equipment:

Agilent 7700x ICP-MS
Agilent 8800 ICP-QQQ

The services required are:

- a) Hardware and software technical support.
- b) On-site instrument repairs.
- c) One annual preventative maintenance (PM) visit to maintain the performance of the instrumentation. The annual PM is to include inspection, cleaning, calibration (if applicable) and complete operation instrument check.

3. Criteria for assessment of the Statement of Capabilities (Minimum Essential Requirements)

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

Experience

Current and valid Agilent certification for the repair of:

- Agilent 7700x ICP-MS
- Agilent 8800 ICP-QQQ
- Agilent ICP-MS MassHunter Workstation instrument control and data analysis software

Professional designation, accreditation, and/or certification

- a) Must be an ISO 9001:2015 (previously ISO 9001:2008) - certified source for factory-authorized service
- b) Must be an Agilent -authorized service representative

4. Applicability of the trade agreement(s) to the procurement: not applicable

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5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

The supplier mentioned in section 13 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

Vendor (Agilent Technologies Canada Inc) owns the intellectual property rights to the Mass-Hunter Software that operates the instrument (owned by Natural Resources Canada). The equipment and the software are proprietary to the vendor and no alternative to the vendor exists to service this equipment. The 7700 ICP-MS and the 8800 ICP-MSMS are equipped with Agilent's patented High Matrix Introduction (HMI) technology and Agilent's patented Shield Torch System (STS).

6. Government Contracts Regulations Exception(s)

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, Agilent Technologies Canada Inc., is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above

7. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date

The proposed contract is for a period of one year, from March 31, 2021 to March 30, 2022 with one additional option year valid from March 31, 2022 to March 30, 2023 if exercised.

8. Cost estimate of the proposed contract

The estimated value of the contract, including option(s), is \$90,203.52 (Applicable taxes extra).

9. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

Agilent Technologies Canada Inc.
6705 Millcreek Drive, Unit 5
Mississauga, Ontario Canada
L5N 5M4

10. Suppliers' right to submit a statement of capabilities

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the goods, services or construction services described in the ACAN may submit a statement of capabilities in writing to the contact person identified in this notice on or before the closing date of this notice. The

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statement of capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements.

11. Closing date for a submission of a statement of capabilities

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is March 30, 2021 at 2:00pm Mountain Daylight Savings Time (MDST).

12. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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