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ADVANCED CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE

TITLE: Arctic Coast-ANMPA Summer, Winter Survey

ACAN:

The purpose of this Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is to signal the government’s intention to award a contract for these services to Paulatuk Hunters and Trappers Committee, P.O. Box 94, Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0.

Before awarding a contract, however, the government would like to provide other suppliers with the opportunity to demonstrate that they are capable of satisfying the requirements set out in this Notice, by submitting a statement of capabilities during the ACAN posting period.

If no other supplier submits, on or before the closing date, a statement of capabilities meeting the requirements set out in the ACAN, a contract will be awarded to the pre-selected supplier.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT(S):

The ACAN is subject to the following Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s):

- Inuvialuit Land Claim Agreement

Inuvialuit HTOs/HTAs have been legally mandated as the sole providers of wildlife harvesting and wildlife management in the Inuvialuit LCA area.

INTRODUCTION:

Information obtained from this field program will contribute Marine Conservation Target (MCT) objectives and provide scientific advice for Oceans and management of the ANMPA in a data deficient season.

BACKGROUND:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has been supporting a community-based survey in the Darnley Bay, Anguniaqvia Niqiyuam Marine Protected Area (ANMPA), since 2018, and we are continuing these monitoring efforts into the summer of 2021 and the winter of 2022. Three sites will be surveyed within the ANMPA; Argo Bay (69° 23' 37" N, 124° 27' 48" W), Bennett Point (69° 72' 84.50" N, 124° 08' 90.60" W) and Brown’s Harbour (70° 12' 05" N, 124° 38, 95" W).

OBJECTIVES:

The contractor will take part in the joint effort between DFO-Winnipeg and community of Paulatuk to collect environmental data (e.g., water temperature, salinity, sea ice thickness, benthic data), and biological samples (e.g., fishes and invertebrates) in the ANMPA in the summer and winter. This contract will be broken up into two components, summer sampling (12 consecutive days in July 2021) and winter sampling (10 field days once a week between January and March 2022).

WORK REQUIREMENT:

The contractor will be responsible for the collection of environmental and biological data from three sites in the ANMPA. Field preparations, training, and field work will begin in July (weather permitting). There will be a maximum of 12 field days in which technicians selected by the contractor will collect coastal fishes, invertebrates and environmental data using established protocols that were developed in previous years.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES:

The contractor will work closely with local fishing technician(s) to:

- Transport all gear and personnel to/from the field work site(s) with an appropriate vessel (40HP outboard motor or greater, vessel must be 17+ feet, and DFO will provide PFDs for crew). Must have significant boating experience and the boat must be safe to operate to and from field sites. DFO will provide crews with PFDs.
- Conduct the deployment/retrieval of fishing nets; set gill nets during each site visit and retrieve fish from those nets to be processed and/or preserved.
- Provide and safely operate snow machines for winter travel, equipped with a sled and emergency supplies. Snow machines must be safe to operate to and from field sites, and technicians must have significant experience travelling in the winter.
- Provide and safely operate an auger during winter sampling, only one auger required per crew
- Conduct the deployment of benthic ponar grab, collect benthic samples, preserve and label samples for follow on analyses.
- Deploy temperature/salinity loggers under the ice, and collect ice formation data.
- Deploy and retrieve time lapse cameras.
- Conduct zooplankton tows and collect zooplankton samples.
- Participate in training in order to correctly use a GPS, record coordinates, biological data, manage samples, preserve samples correctly and ship all samples and equipment back to DFO.
- Work on all aspects of biological sampling, including processing fish (dissection, identifying species), preserving and labelling samples (e.g., otoliths, muscle, stomach, liver) and general equipment maintenance.
- Make decisions regarding weather conditions and travelling safely. The contractor must select days that are safe to travel to field sites. Technicians must bring a bear deterrent while travelling to field sites.
- Record daily activities in a notebook, including weather, nets that were set and noteworthy Observations.
- Shipping samples, data books and environmental probes back to DFO-Winnipeg and follow up with lead researcher.
- The contractor must be available, and aware of days the technicians are in the field and check in with field crew at the beginning and end of each field day.

RESOURCES AND LEVEL OF EFFORT

The contractor and the technicians will participate in the contract from Contract Award, to 31 March 2022.

MANDATORY CRITERIA:

- The contractor must be physically located in Paulatuk, Northwest Territories.
- The contractor must have extensive and holistic knowledge of ANMPA and the surrounding area, as well as the community and people of Paulatuk.
- The contractor must have the administrative set up necessary to support the hiring of community technicians and supply/rental of equipment based in Paulatuk.

ESTIMATED VALUE

The total value of the contract shall not exceed **\$88,712.40** excluding all applicable taxes for the firm period from contract award to 31 March 2022.

SECURITY REQUIREMENT

No Security Requirement.

TRADE AGREEMENTS APPLICABILITY OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

No Trade Agreements apply.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS REGULATIONS EXCEPTION AND LIMITED TENDERING REASONS:

The following policy requirements are applicable to this ACAN process:

Applicable Exceptions to Soliciting Bids under the Government Contracting Regulations (GCRs)
(Section 6):

Section 10.2.1 Section 6 (d) only one person or firm is capable of performing the work applies to this ACAN for the following reasons:

There are no known alternative sources of supply. It is feasible and affordable to compete the requirement.

CONTRACT PERIOD:

The period of the contract is from contract award to 31 March 2022 inclusive.

Firm Period: Contract award to 31 March 2022

SUPPLIER'S RIGHT TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES:

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services described herein, **must submit a Statement of Capabilities in writing to the Contracting Officer identified in this Notice on or before closing date. The Statement of Capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements.**

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES:

July 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (ADT)

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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