

## **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 the requirement

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has a requirement for the supply of a National BSE Surveillance Quality Control Program. The External Laboratory to perform the DNA testing in support of CFIA's BSE surveillance program must meet specific standards established by CFIA /Science branch.

The laboratory must be accredited by the SCC (Standards Council of Canada) to the ISO 17025 Standard and should have the specific method used on their scope of accreditation.

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

- The Contractor will provide customized sample submission forms, bar-coded labels, and collection instructions to the CFIA Inspector responsible for sample collection.
  - Upon delivery to the vendor's Lab by the CFIA or its agents, the Contractor's lab notifies the reception of the samples by sending an Email confirmation to: BSESurvQC @inspection.gc.ca on the same day.
  - The Contractor will capture in the Email the sample number and the date of reception as well as the name of the CFIA inspector.
  - Turn-around time (TAT) for test results is 10 business days following receipt of sample.
  - TAT on samples received past 3:00 pm begins the next business day.
  - In the event of incomplete or conflicting submission information, TAT begins immediately once resolved.
- the Contractor shall conduct testing on the samples using the following method:
    - DNA extraction on the sample
    - Generation of a microsatellite DNA marker profile using the Contractor's standard 16-marker cattle

- panel, including 12 ISAG-recommended markers
  - Profile comparison for identification of matching tissue samples
  - Should there be the unexpected case where additional DNA markers are required to resolve animal identification, the Contractor's secondary microsatellite marker panel consisting of 11 markers, for 27 markers total, will be employed at no additional charge, but with an added 5 day sample processing TAT.
  - Test-negative samples will be stored for one (1) week after results are reported, and then discarded in accordance with the SRM disposal requirements.
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- Unfit samples or non-matching DNA testing results requiring a retest will be discussed with CFIA first before proceeding with a retest.
  - Inconclusive and unmatched samples will be forwarded to the CFIA.
  - Only technologists with the appropriate training will perform the testing.
  - A vendor's Chain of Custody must accompany each sample.

#### 4. Applicability of the trade agreement(s) to the procurement

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

- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)
- Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Columbia Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement

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

External labs providing testing services in support of CFIA programs must meet the standards established by CFIA for this purpose (ref: CFIA Framework for Quality Management Oversight of Laboratories Conducting Testing in Areas under the CFIA Mandate). Therefore, to be approved to perform DNA testing in support of CFIA's BSE surveillance program, the external laboratory must be accredited by the SCC (Standards Council of Canada) to the ISO 17025 Standard and have the specific method used on their scope of accreditation. Bureau Veritas is the only laboratory in Canada that meets these standards and provides the required animal DNA testing services (parentage testing in animals).

#### 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*".

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

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

- if the goods or services can be supplied only by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute goods or services exist for any of the following reasons (CAP Code 71 Exclusive Rights):
  - the supply of goods or services is controlled by a supplier that is a statutory monopoly;

- to ensure compatibility with existing goods, or to maintain specialized goods that must be maintained by the manufacturer of those goods or its representative;
  - work is to be performed on property by a contractor according to provisions of a warranty or guarantee held in respect of the property or the original work;
  - work is to be performed on a leased building or related property, or portions thereof, that may be performed only by the lessor; or
  - the procurement is for subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals; and
- if goods or consulting services regarding matters of a confidential or privileged nature are to be purchased and the disclosure of those matters through an open tendering process could reasonably be expected to compromise government confidentiality, result in the waiver of privilege, cause economic disruption, or otherwise be contrary to the public interest (CAP Code 23 Consulting Services Regarding Matters of a Confidential Nature).

8. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date

The proposed contract is for a period of three (3) years, from *September 1, 2021* to *August 31, 2024*.

9. Cost estimate of the proposed contract

The estimated value of the contract is \$100,000.00 x (GST/HST extra).

10. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

Bureau Veritas - 1919 Minnesota Ct Suite #500, Mississauga, ON L5N 0C9

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

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

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is: August 23, 2021 at 3pm (EST).

Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation

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Client Ref. No. - N° de réf. du client

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Amd. No. - N° de la modif.

File No. - N° du dossier

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Buyer ID - Id de l'acheteur

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### 13. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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