

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 Department of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has a requirement to conduct a study of critical minerals within rocks. The work will involve geochemistry, including the determination of platinum group element concentrations that occur within chemically resistive and heterogeneously distributed mineral phases. Performance standards must include the ability to digest large sample sizes (up to 30 g), ultra-low detection limits for all platinum group elements of interest (Ir = 1 ppt; Ru = 2 ppt; Rh = 2 ppt; Pt = 20 ppt; Pd = 10 ppt; Re = 10 ppt), and the preferred isotope dilution (ID) nickel-sulphide fire assay (NiS-FA) method. Results will be delivered as electronic tables.

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:** Must have five years experience in the last ten years conducting geochemical analysis of platinum group elements in rocks;
- **Knowledge and understanding:** Must have knowledge about isotope dilution, mass spectrometry, and wet chemistry methods;
- **Academic qualifications:** Must possess a doctorate degree from a recognized university in the field of geochemistry.

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 (CCFTA)
- Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement

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- Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA)

5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

The supplier mentioned in section 10 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. Government Contracts Regulations Exception(s)

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

6 (d) - only one person is capable of performing the work.

The identified supplier, Australian National University, 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 from contract award date to March 31, 2022, with the option to extend the contract by one (1) additional one (1) year option

8. Ownership of Intellectual Property

Canada intends to retain ownership of any Foreground Intellectual Property arising out of the proposed contract on the basis that the main purpose of the contract is to generate knowledge and information for public dissemination).

9. Cost estimate of the proposed contract

The estimated value of the contract, including option is below \$180,000.00 x (GST/HST extra).

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10. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

Australian National University
Research School of Earth Sciences
Canberra ACT 0200, Australia
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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 December 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. EST

13. Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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