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ADVANCED CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE

TITLE: SCUBA Scientific Diver Services

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 Memorial University of Newfoundland, Department of Ocean Sciences, 0 Marine Lab Road, St. John’s, NL A1C 5S7.

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 other potential suppliers submit a statement of capabilities during this ACAN posting period that meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the government will proceed to a full tendering process on either GETS or through traditional means, in order to award the contract.

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.

INTRODUCTION:

This project is to determine the presence and distribution of native and non-native invertebrate, green crab, and biofouling species at several coastal locations within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, in support of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) project “Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response Survey and Monitoring in Newfoundland” require the services of trained scientific divers.

OBJECTIVES:

The scientific divers are required to recognize and collect samples of native and non-native invertebrate and algal species, photograph or video tape areas examined and keep a record of what areas have been investigated.

WORK REQUIREMENT:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans requires the Contractor to perform 10 days of standard scientific dive services to include vertical and horizontal quadrat transects at wharf structures, shore transects, beach net seines, and general visual surveys of areas of interest.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES:

- Conduct coastal diving rapid response surveys for a period of 10 days.
- Collect samples of species that are unknown or possible invasive species and to collect samples of native and non-native ascidians in support of graduate student research projects.
- Provide photographic and/ or video tape records of observations as well as any relevant observational details as appropriate.

RESOURCES AND LEVEL OF EFFORT

All tasks and deliverables must be completed by March 31, 2022.

MANDATORY CRITERIA:

- The Bidder must provide a copy of their Standard Operating Procedure. The Standard Operating Procedure must meet or exceed Fisheries and Oceans Canada "Departmental Safety Diving Procedures".
- At least one member of the in water dive team must have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in scientific diving (sourcing and collecting marine scientific samples and specimens).
- At least one member of the in water dive team must have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in identification and collection of marine aquatic invasive species in Newfoundland coastal waters.

ESTIMATED VALUE

The total value of the contract shall not exceed **\$15,000.00** 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.

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:

04 January 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (AST)

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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Contracting Officer

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