



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 Requirements

Canada's United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) Program collected data in the Arctic Ocean to support the delineation of the outer limits of the extended continental shelf. Canada filed its Arctic Ocean submission with the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) on May 23, 2019 and is required to give a high level presentation on the submission at UN Headquarters in New York. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has been tasked by the government of Canada to develop the required presentation on Canada's Arctic Ocean submission and to make the presentation to the CLCS. To meet this target, it is necessary for NRCan to contract services to help on the development of the high level presentation to the CLCS.

This requirement is for consultant services required to:

1. Assistance in the preparation of Canadian presentation to the plenary session of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf concerning its submission in the Arctic Ocean.
2. Ongoing collaboration with the UNCLOS team on matters relating to the two submissions of Canada to the CLCS.

The provider must:

3. Work with the Canadian UNCLOS team to prepare figures and text, as needed, to support the development and finalization of Canada's Arctic Ocean presentation
4. Assist in Geocap and ArcGIS projects underlying the Arctic Ocean submission that will be used in the presentation



5. Provide guidance on the interpretation and application of UNCLOS Article 76 in the Arctic Ocean presentation
6. Participate in team planning/progress meetings to develop and finalize Canada's Arctic Ocean presentation
7. Collaborate with team members to develop reports on continental shelf issues
8. Participate in a presentation meeting in Ottawa, ON (TBC)
9. Participate as a member of the Canadian delegation to United Nations headquarters in New York City during the relevant CLCS plenary session (TBC)

3. Criteria for Assessment of the Statement of Capabilities

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

a. Experience:

- Experience working with Geocap and ArcGIS projects with respect to the delineation of the outer limits of the extended continental shelf, beyond 200 M, used in the preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.
- Experience working with UNCLOS programs preparing/advising on the Arctic Ocean submission delineating the extended continental shelf, beyond 200 M.
- Experience developing Canada's Atlantic Ocean presentation to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.
- Experience advising on high-level preparations for plenary sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.
- Experience engaging with the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in the review process of national program submissions delineating the extended continental shelf, beyond 200 M.
- Experience advising on Canada's extended continental shelf program for the Atlantic Ocean and Arctic Ocean.

b. Knowledge and Expertise:

- Knowledge of Geocap and ArcGIS software and the application of data products in the preparation of submissions delineating the extended continental shelf, beyond 200 M.
- Knowledge of Canada's Arctic Ocean submission filed with the United Nations Commission on the Limits of Continental Shelf in May 2019.
- Knowledge and understanding of marine geology



- Knowledge of Canada's Atlantic Ocean and Arctic Ocean submissions; data, results and the application of UNCLOS Article 76.
- Knowledge of UNCLOS Article 76 as it pertains to delineating the extended continental shelf. Link:
http://www.un.org/depts/los/convention_agreements/texts/unclos/unclos_e.pdf

c. Academic Qualifications:

- Must possess a graduate degree (M.Sc. or Ph.D.) in the field of Earth Sciences (geophysics, geology) from a recognized university or college

4. Trade Agreements:

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

- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA)
- Canada-Columbia Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA)
- Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement (CHFTA)
- Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement (CKFTA)
- Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA)
- Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Ukraine Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-GPA)
- Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT);
- World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP).

5. Set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business:

Not applicable

6. Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s):

Not applicable

7. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier



We intend to deal directly with the supplier mentioned in section 13 below as; it 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

8. Exception to the Government Contracts Regulations

The following exception(s) 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 provider, GeoLimits, is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

9. Exclusions and/or Limited Tendering Reasons

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

World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP): Articles XIII (b)

10. Ownership of Intellectual Property

Canada intends to retain ownership of any Foreground Intellectual Property arising out of the proposed contract.

11. Contract Period

The contract period will be from date of award to March 31, 2022 with 3 (three) additional one (1) year option periods

12. Estimated Cost

The estimated maximum value of the contract is \$620,540.00 (applicable taxes included).

13. Name and Address of the Proposed Contractor



GeoLimits Consulting
14 Condor Rd.
Bedford, NS, B4A 3K9

14. Suppliers' right to submit a statement of capabilities

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the services/goods described herein, may submit a Statement of Capabilities in writing, preferably by e-mail, to the contact person identified in this Notice on or before the closing date and time of this Notice. The Statement of Capabilities must clearly demonstrate how the supplier meets the advertised requirements.

15. Closing Date

The closing date for a submission of a Statement of Capabilities is 14:00 Atlantic time on February 15 2022.

16. Contract Authority

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