

ADVANCED 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 Women and Gender Equality Canada has a requirement for the supply of its own instance of a digital learning management system/solution (LMS), in accordance with GCWeb standards:

- [Standard on Web Accessibility](#)
- [Standard on Web Interoperability](#)
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The system must allow the organization to meet program delivery staff learning requirements in a manner that aligns with available resources for training development and delivery, while mitigating risks known to the G&Cs management business.

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:

- System features / The system must associate the following with the Government of Canada Learner:
 - What training will take place
 - When the training will take place
 - Who will deliver the training
 - Results of any tests taken during the training

- Attendance at the training
- If the training has been completed
- Services and Support
 - Design WAGE's overall solution
 - Install WAGE's environment / Create initial user accounts
 - Work to complete configurations with WAGE's team, and integrations required
 - Unlimited access to supplier's Guided Training program, video tutorials and product/user guides
 - Provide the tools and resources to assist WAGE's Administrator with running the platform
- Connectivity and Technical Specifications
 - Procure and setup a cloud-based LMS solution that meets WAGE's learning management needs
 - Available in both official languages
 - Provide a system that will synchronize both WAGE and Canada School of Public Service (CSPS) learning requirements from a single platform
 - The system configuration, course material, and user database must be able to be integrated into the CSPS instance once it becomes available to WAGE
- Knowledge and Expertise
 - Capacity and proof through Canada School of Public Service that demonstrates conformity with GCWeb standards (as mentioned on No. 3)

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

This procurement is not subject to any trade agreement.

5. This procurement will not be set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business.

6. This procurement is not subject to any Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s).

7. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

Brightspace (D2L) is available in both official languages and is the only vendor of record with the Federal Government, whose platform for learning is currently used at other Government of Canada Departments. WAGE (and other GoC Department's) will then be able to synchronize both their Departmental and CSPA learning requirements.

Demo presentations by CAS to WAGE of their Brightspace (D2L) environment has allowed WAGE to validate conformity and efficiency of the system. WAGE also observed and tested the functioning of classes/trainings from the CSPA Brightspace (D2L) environment to confirm the system features.

Based on proposal received by D2L, and through testimony received from CAS and to CSPA, WAGE has concluded that Brightspace (D2L) has the proven experience and capacity to provide Services and Support required by WAGE and outlined in Section 3 of the ACAN.

CSPA has confirmed their Brightspace (D2L) Federated and Consortium models currently under development will service Other Government Departments, including WAGE. In addition, D2L Corporation and its subsidiaries are the sole source for the Brightspace learning platform. Brightspace cloud services are provided exclusively by D2L and can be procured only from D2L or its authorized channel reseller partners.

8. 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*, The identified supplier, D2L Corporation, is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.

9. Ownership of Intellectual Property

Ownership of any Foreground Intellectual Property arising out of the proposed contract will vest in the Contractor.

10. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date

The proposed contract is for a period of 2 years from March 2022 to March 31, 2024, with one-year option.

11. Cost estimate of the proposed contract

The estimated value of the contract, including option(s), is \$72,688.00 + applicable taxes.

12. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

D2L Corporation

151 Charles Street West, Suite 400

Kitchener, Ontario

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13. 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.

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

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is March 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. EST.

15. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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