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ADVANCED CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE

TITLE: Rat River Dolly Varden Char Monitoring Project: Mouth of Rat River and Destruction City

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 Tetlit Gwich'in Renewable Resource Council, P.O. Box 30, Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0.

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 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.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENT(S):

The ACAN is subject to the following Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s):

- Inuvialuit Land Claim Agreement
- Gwich'in Land Claim Agreement

INTRODUCTION:

Anadromous Dolly Varden is harvested by Gwich'in and Inuvialuit from communities situated in the Mackenzie Delta, Northwest Territories. Annual standardized fisheries monitoring is required to collect data used to assess the Rat River population. The at-risk species is listed as 'Special Concern' under Species At Risk Legislation in Canada and monitoring of stocks had been identified as a priority by co-management partners.

BACKGROUND:

This project has been occurring annually since 1995. The data collected from the monitoring program is used by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Fisheries Management and Science, and co-management partners as established by the Rat River Dolly Varden Working Group and the Western Arctic Dolly Varden Integrated Fisheries Management Plan.

OBJECTIVES:

To collect biological and catch-effort information from Rat River Dolly Varden Char to be used in management of the stock.

WORK REQUIREMENT:

Individuals experienced in setting gill nets in the Rat River, Northwest Territories and collecting fisheries data (i.e., comprehensive biological sampling and recording daily catch-effort data).

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES:

Contractor must provide two (2) personnel as lead char monitors for up to 40 days of work, one (1) personnel as a junior monitor at Destruction City for 40 days, and one (1) personnel as a junior monitor at the mouth of the Rat River for up to 40 days of work to:

1. The assistant and or head monitor must dead sample 75 Dolly Varden from each site for a total of 150 using data sheets provided by DFO.
2. The assistant and or head monitor must take the fork length, weight, assess maturity and sex, and remove otoliths of all dead-sampled char.
3. The assistant and or head monitor must take gonad weight for all dead-sampled char and collect, label and freeze mature female gonads.
4. The assistant and or head monitor must take the adipose fin from all dead sampled char and place them into the plastic vial with the corresponding sample number for genetic analysis.
5. The assistant and or head monitor must record net set information and numbers of Dolly Varden char and others species caught and released; and determine whether a floy tag is attached in logbooks provided. If a floy tag is attached, the colour and number of the tag as well as the length of the fish is to be recorded.
6. The assistant and or head monitor must record fishing conditions including weather, water levels and colour, temperature and debris in data forms provided.
7. The assistant and or head monitor must record the lengths of the char that are released alive from nets as much as possible, using the yellow notebooks provided (depending on fishing conditions).
8. The assistant and or head monitor must keep records of catch-effort and Dolly Varden caught by the Monitors and other fishers close to them.
9. The assistant and or head monitor must attend the annual Rat River Working Group meeting to share their results from this project.

RESOURCES AND LEVEL OF EFFORT

The contractor and the technicians will participate in the contract from Contract Award to March 31, 2023.

MANDATORY CRITERIA:

- Contractor must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience conducting fisheries sampling in the Rat River.
- Contractor must provide two (2) personnel as lead Char Monitors and two (2) personnel as a Junior Char monitor.
- The monitors must each supply their own sampling gear, boat/motor, camping gear and personal gear as these are not supplied by the project.
- The monitors must return all supplies, data and samples to DFO Inuvik at the end of this project.
- The Contractor must, at the Contractor's own expense, provide and maintain insurance.

ESTIMATED VALUE

The total value of the contract shall not exceed **\$62,949.00** excluding all applicable taxes for the firm period from contract award to March 31, 2023 and each subsequent option year.

CONTRACT PERIOD:

The period of the contract is from contract award to 31 March 2023 inclusive.

Firm Period: Contract award to 31 March 2023

Option Year 1: 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Option Year 2: 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

SECURITY REQUIREMENT

No Security Requirement.

TRADE AGREEMENTS APPLICABILITY OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

No Trade Agreements apply. Animal and fisheries studies exempt.

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.

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:

June 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (ADT)

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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Contracting Officer

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