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ADVANCED CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE

TITLE: Assessment of Arctic Char from the Hornaday River, Lasard Creek, and Tippi

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 Paulatuk Hunters & Trappers Committee, P.O. Box 94, Paulatuk, NT X0E 1N0.

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

INTRODUCTION:

This harvest-based program involves enumerating and measuring Arctic char taken in the annual harvest in the Hornaday River each August since 1990 and is one of the longest char monitoring studies in place in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

BACKGROUND:

Indicators of stock status such as catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE), age, length, weight, sex and maturity are used to evaluate the impact of the fishery on the stock, and to provide information on status and life history of the Arctic char stock. The information collected through this monitoring program provides support for the delivery and compliance of the Hornaday Char Fishing Plan.

OBJECTIVES:

Obtain catch and biological information to assess the population status of Arctic char from the east channel of the Hornaday River.

Obtain catch information of Arctic char harvested from the west channel of the Hornaday River to compare with data from east channel.

Obtain catch information and fin clip samples of Arctic char from the Lasard Creek area for genetic analysis.

Obtain catch and biological information in order to characterize Arctic char/"Blue char" captured at Tippi.

WORK REQUIREMENT:

The Contractor will be responsible for the following:

- Monitors must sample char as per instructions provided by DFO.
- Record by-catch information (i.e., record the number of other species such as flounder caught in nets).
- Ensure freezer is transported to Hornaday and Tippi sites.
- Supply their own boat, tents, sleeping gear and outdoor clothing as these are not provided by the Project Authority.
- The Contractor will be responsible for arranging appropriate Workers Compensation Coverage for all persons hired to perform the work of the contract.
- The Contractor shall report immediately, any problems to the Project Authority so the appropriate action can be taken to ensure the contract can be completed within the contract period.

TASKS AND DELIVERABLES:

The Contractor must provide one (1) ‘community monitor’ for the Hornaday River char fishery, and one (1) field assistant. The ‘community monitor’ and ‘field assistant’ will both work for a period of up to 33 days. Sampling for the Hornaday River (east channel) must start mid- to late-July 2022 and 2023. The monitors must be on site before the community begins their fishing in earnest, and must remain on site until the fishery and char run are over and the associated contract work completed.

Contractor must provide one (1) ‘counter’ to record catch-effort information of Arctic char captured from their own or other people’s nets at west channel of Hornaday River for 30 days. Fishing at the west channel should occur at the same time as the fishing at the east channel.

Contractor must provide one (1) ‘counter’ to record catch-effort information of Arctic char captured from their own or other people’s nets at Lasard Creek for 30 days. The ‘counter’ will also collect fin clip of a sub-sample of harvested Arctic char (up to 200) for genetic analysis. Fishing at Lasard Creek must begin early July.

Contractor must provide one (1) ‘community monitor’ and one (1) field assistant to be stationed at Tippi for up to 28 days each. The monitor will only fish for the period of time that they normally would for subsistence. Fishing at Tippi must begin early July.

Each monitor/ assistant must supply their own camping gear, boat\motor. The Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Project Authority (PA) shall provide all sampling supplies and materials, and instructions, see DFO Obligations at 5.1. The monitors must return all supplies, data and samples to DFO at the end of the 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:

- The Contractor must, at the Contractor’s own expense, provide and maintain insurance

ESTIMATED VALUE

The total value of the contract shall not exceed **\$70,078.43** 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

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 29, 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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