



## Solicitation No. 1000400913 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.

### 1. **Title:** Online web base portal relating to National Security

### 2. **Definition of the requirement**

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has a requirement to access an online (web-based) portal, 4 CBSA users will be provided with daily geopolitical analysis relating to national security, shifting irregular migration patterns, human trafficking and smuggling and ongoing country specific issues with human rights, via a robust methodology and global network, not collected by the CBSA nor any other agencies and departments across the Government of Canada at the unclassified level.

The CBSA has identified Human Smuggling, Serious Inadmissibility (national security, international and human rights concerns, and organized crime) and Identifying persons inadmissible under IRPA (Irregular Migrant Failed Refugee Claimants) and Immigration Fraud as a priority enforcement and intelligence operational priorities. At the same time, the CBSA has allocated funding to focus intelligence and investigation resources in support of analyzing Human Smuggling and Immigration Fraud.

Monitoring and forecasting irregular migration trends is essential to the CBSA as irregular migrant refugee claimants seek to enter and remain in Canada at a very high frequency. Irregular migrants are individuals who enter Canada between official POEs. Irregular migrants who arrive between the POEs represent a challenge to the Immigration system, as they undermine the integrity of the refugee determination continuum. By monitoring and forecasting trends, the CBSA can advise seniors and front line officers of potential threats to the integrity of Government Programs and Services as well as a threat to Canadian citizens (national security threat).

The work of the analysts entails significant research on geopolitical trends, global and regional conflicts, national security issues, human smuggling networks and global irregular migration trends. This involves collecting a variety of information from open sources. However, a critical aspect of forecasting threats is obtaining impartial analysis from companies that utilize robust methodologies and provide time sensitive, accurate and current factual data.

### 3. **Criteria for assessment of the Statement of Capabilities**

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

- In depth strategic analysis and forecasting on geopolitical and security issues, which directly and indirectly relate to migration and displacement.

- Leveraged global network of experts across a broad range of fields, from public policy, macroeconomics and international relations to public health, epidemiology, demography, science and technology.
- Content honed and perspectives resolved by an analytical team in consultation with leading experts from government and academia.
- Daily intelligence briefs. (written and audio)
- Graphics database.
- All-encompassing yearly threat forecast.
- Live webinars on key emerging issues.
- Global Risk monitors.
- Direct access to Subject Matter Experts.
- Access to online platform and assistance for managing subscription users, user names, password resets and well as information sessions for new users.

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

This purchase is subject to the following trade agreements:

Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)  
 Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement  
 Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)  
 Canada Columbia Free Trade Agreement  
 Canada European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)  
 Canada Honduras Free Trade Agreement  
 Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement  
 Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement  
 Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement  
 Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement  
 World Trade Organization (WTO)

#### **5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier**

The proposed supplier is the only known contractor that meets the above requirements.

#### **6. Government Contracts Regulations Exception(s)**

The following exception to the [Government Contracts Regulations](#) is invoked for this procurement under subsection:

- (d) only one person or firm is capable of performing the contract.

#### **7. Ownership of Intellectual Property**

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

**8. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date**

The proposed contract period will be from Contract Award to December 31, 2023, with two (2) additional, one (1) year periods.

**9. Cost estimate of the proposed contract**

The proposed cost estimate value of the contract, including option(s), is \$97,885.00 in Canadian dollars (GST/HST excluding tax).

**10. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier**

It is intended to award a service contract to the following contractor:

Oxford Analytica Inc.  
5 Alfred Street  
Oxford, UK OX1 4EH

**11. 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.

**12. Closing date for a submission of a statement of capabilities**

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is **November 30, 2022 at 14 :00 hours EST.**

**13. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities**

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

Name: Tammy O'Toole  
Title: Contract Officer  
Canada Border Services Agency  
Finance and Corporate Admin. Branch  
Strategic Procurement Division  
Address: 355 North River Road, Tower B, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Telephone: 343-551-6922  
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