

**INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA (ISED)
ISED # 205591**

ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) allows departments and agencies to post a notice, for no less than fifteen calendar days, indicating to the supplier community that it intends to award a good, service or construction contract to a pre-identified contractor. If no other supplier submits, during the fifteen calendar day posting period, a statement of capabilities that meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the competitive requirements of the government's contracting policy have been met. Following notification to suppliers not successful in demonstrating that their statement of capabilities meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, the contract may then be awarded using the Treasury Board's electronic bidding authorities.

If other potential suppliers submit statements of capabilities during the fifteen calendar day posting period, and meet the requirements set out in the ACAN, the department or agency must proceed to a full tendering process on either the government's electronic tendering service or through traditional means, in order to award the contract.

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DESCRIPTIVE TITLE:

Center for Strategic and International Studies - Allied Economic Forum

BACKGROUND

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS.org) has invited Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, The Republic of Korea, and the United Kingdom to participate in the Allied Economic Forum (AEF) and will also invite representatives from relevant U.S. government agencies and industry to participate in individual AEF meetings and events.

CSIS.org launched the AEF under the organizing principle that certain economic policies, especially those responding to technology acquisition efforts, require close coordination among like-minded countries to be effective and out of a belief that a "Track 1.5" dialogue (between senior government officials, industry and academia) would be useful to hold alongside our government-to-government engagements.

The AEF first convened in early 2018 to discuss reforms to foreign investment screening mechanisms in various countries. Over time, the agenda has expanded to cover a number of distinct policy areas that relate to ISED's mandate: foreign investment screening, trade and export controls, value chain security, economic coercion, and international research collaboration, all of which are increasingly top-of-mind issues for ISED and the Government of Canada more broadly.

REQUIREMENTS/RESULTS:

- CSIS.org will convene three private meetings over a 12-month period with policymakers and subject matter experts from participating countries. The meetings will include presentations on critical issues from industry experts and government officials. The AEF will focus on investment screening, export controls, and other policies to control technology transfer, as well as policies to protect other national critical functions and proactive measures to support economic security.
- On the margins of each AEF, CSIS.org will make available to Investment Review Division (IRD) their experts on subjects related to economic issues that are exclusively focused on Canada-United States matters. IRD would convene other ISED and Government of Canada participants for these conversations, as required.
- CSIS.org will produce at least one policy brief on issues in these areas.
- CSIS.org will maintain an intersessional dialogue with participating governments to exchange information and analysis.
- CSIS.org will present one verbal briefing for representatives from ISED on outbound investment screening or broader issues related to economic security. The briefing may happen either in person or virtually.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR

Name of Contractor: Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS.org)

Address: 1616 Rhode Island Ave. NW

City: Washington, D.C.

Zip Code: 20036

REASON FOR AWARDING CONTRACT TO THIS CONTRACTOR

ISED's Investment Review Division is responsible for staying abreast of developments in policies, regulations, and legislation in allied jurisdictions in areas related to foreign investment screening, trade and export controls, value chain security, economic coercion, and international research collaboration. Due to CSIS.org's roster of specialists with strategic contacts and significant senior-level expertise in the aforementioned activities and global geopolitical and economic developments more broadly, CSIS.org has unique convening power to bring together senior-level officials from the United States government (e.g. White House) and other allied nations, including individuals that fall outside of Five Eyes forums. As such, the AEF is a one-of-a-kind, and longstanding, forum where Canada and allies can discuss these issues at a programmatic level.

MINIMUM ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

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

- A. Significant and longstanding role as a policy research organization (e.g. think tank) dedicated to policy expertise and bringing to bear robust in-house and international networks to research, analysis, and recommendations. The organization must have a proven ability to convene conferences, publish, lecture, and make media appearances that aim to increase the knowledge, awareness, and salience of economic/national security policy issues with relevant stakeholders and the interested public.
- B. Significant organizational knowledge of policies, regulations, and legislation in Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, The Republic of Korea, United Kingdom and United States in the following areas: foreign investment screening, trade and export controls, value chain security, economic coercion, and international research collaboration. Such knowledge could be demonstrated by having a roster of in-house experts with knowledge gained by working as a senior government official, academic, think tank practitioner, conducting projects or advising regulators, or conducting projects or advising regulators (5-10+ years of experience).
- C. Must have the proven ability to draw on senior government officials (e.g. Assistant Deputy Minister-level, Deputy Minister-level, Ministers/Congresspersons, and White House officials) in all of the aforementioned allied jurisdictions. Such convening power could be demonstrated by facilitating triannual meetings among said officials on the topics of: foreign investment screening, trade and export controls, value chain security, economic coercion, and international research collaboration (5+ years of experience).
- D. Must have a high-degree of fluency in English language as well as a proven ability to communicate and coordinate with all of the following allies: Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, The Republic of Korea, United Kingdom and United States.

PERIOD AND ESTIMATED COST OF THE CONTRACT

The period of the contract will be for one year from contract with an irrevocable option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. The total amount of the contract is estimated to be up to \$82,000 CAD.

APPLICABLE TRADE AGREEMENTS AND APPLICABLE LIMITED TENDERING REASONS

No trade agreements apply to this contract.

OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

CSIS.org would retain all rights and licenses related to the products produced under this arrangement. Both parties acknowledge that CSIS.org will retain all intellectual property rights, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR WRITTEN SUPPLIER RESPONSES
CHALLENGING THIS REQUIREMENT IS 2:00 P.M, EASTERN TIME, FEBRUARY
17, 2023.**

You are hereby notified that the government intends to solicit a bid and negotiate with the firm identified above.

If you wish to submit a written response showing that you are capable of meeting this requirement, it must be done not later than the closing date and time. As it is intended to proceed in a timely manner, responses received after the closing date will not be considered. The Crown reserves the right not to open this procurement to competition.

Responses received on or before the closing date will be considered solely for the purpose of deciding whether or not to conduct a competitive procurement. Information provided will be used by the Crown for technical evaluation purposes only and is not to be construed as a competitive solicitation. Your written response must provide sufficient evidence (e.g. specifications, technical data, drawings, or any other proof) that clearly demonstrates that your product or service is capable of fulfilling this requirement.

Suppliers that have submitted a response will be notified in writing of ISED's decision to continue with the non-competitive procurement or to compete the requirement.

Should you have any questions concerning this requirement, contact the contracting officer identified above. The Industry file number, the contracting officer's name and the closing date of the ACAN must appear on the outside of the envelope in block letters on the covering page.

The Crown retains the right to negotiate with suppliers on any procurement. Documents may be submitted in either official language of Canada.