

ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)**NRCan- 500079430****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

Software modifications to existing web platform and mobile application collaboratively developed to facilitate self-determination in research, education, and stewardship for Indigenous communities.

The Department of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has a requirement to build geo-functions into a free, already-existing, mobile app that has demonstrated uptake by Indigenous northerners documenting, posting and sharing knowledge of the land. The work will leverage and build on the existing SIKU frameworks and technological advancements already developed and implemented by the Arctic Eider Society through modifications to incorporate geoscience profiles and develop a geo-observation "Post" tool. These modifications will expand this free, user-friendly web and mobile platform to allow non-specialists an opportunity to recognize, document and share observations of geoscience elements,

The work will involve the following:

Meet to brainstorm ideas/discuss data sources and progress/address issues surrounding the scope and type of geological profiles, to define any fields specific and unique to geology profiles	phone meetings, email follow up
guide building of ROCK profile (Igneous, Sedimentary, Metamorphic)	Creation of taggable and searchable ROCK profile in English and Kivalliq dialect to support education, knowledge transfer and language preservation
Transfer geology profile "ROCK" from development to production platform	New Function on test version of SIKU
Set NRCan scientists up with permissions to edit profiles on production	
Develop upload process for geo-posts on SIKU to allow creating, editing, viewing and managing posts across platforms	Complete development of a post creation flow, edit flow, feed view and Map Drawer view
Incorporate permafrost knowledge into SIKU	integrate PERMAFROST
Incorporate ancient glacier impact knowledge into SIKU	Integrate LANDFORM
Establish parameters to enable access to a geological map (public domain map) on SIKU	

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

- Have knowledge on the SIKU platform and access to source code to make the modifications to enable geoscience functionality;
- More than ten (10) years of research experience in engaging with Inuit communities towards self-determination in research and leadership in technology and Indigenous environmental terminology;

AND

- Knowledge and understanding: Developing web and mobile apps, database programming, design and user interface, beta testing and full stack development and engaging Inuit and Indigenous communities in the process and consultation.

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

No Trade agreements are applicable

5. Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s)

This procurement is subject to the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

6. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

The supplier mentioned in section 11 below is the only known supplier that meets the mandatory criteria set out in section 3 above.

Should Canada receive a statement of capabilities from a supplier that contains sufficient information to indicate that it meets the requirements set forth in this ACAN, a competitive process will be triggered with a technical and financial evaluation methodology of the bids proposed by the potential bidders

7. 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).

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The identified supplier, Arctic Eider Society, is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above

8. Ownership of Intellectual Property

No Intellectual Property is applicable.

9. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date

The proposed contract period is from February 15, 2024, to March 31 2025.

10. Cost estimate of the proposed contract

The estimated value of the contract, including option(s), is \$ 80,000 x (GST/HST extra).

11. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

Arctic Eider Society
Building 401, No. 234.
Sanikiluaq, NU, X0A 0W0, Canada

12. 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.

13. The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is:

February 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (EST).

14. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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