



ADVANCE CONTRACT AWARD NOTICE (ACAN)

PART 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.

PART 2 – DEFINITION OF THE REQUIREMENT

Natural Resources Canada requires an annual subscription to GeoScienceWorld (GSW), a collaboration of organizations in the geosciences that incorporates the full text of 54 major geoscience journals from 34 societies and institutes from around the world. The NRCan Library has had a subscription since July 2005 when these print journals first become available electronically. These journals are core resources to our geoscience researchers and accounting for over 15,763 full text downloaded articles in 2023.

NRCan requires the supplier to provide the following product, services and features:

1. GeoScienceWorld –List of individual journals and years available at <https://pubs.geoscienceworld.org/DocumentLibrary/Journal%20Title%20List/GSW-Journal-Title-List-2024.xlsx>
2. Bibliographic records with embedded GeoRef metadata (e.g., longitude/latitude, index terms/descriptors).
3. Bibliographic Software – the ability to export citations to reference management software (e.g., Mendeley, Zotero, EndNote).
4. Alerts – the ability to provide users with search and/or new issue alerts.
5. Search functionalities – ability to provide a variety of search capabilities such as the following examples: browse journal issues, facets, bounding coordinates search.
6. Account support - ability to provide monthly usage statistics in COUNTER 5 format.
7. Technical support - Telephone and email assistance with technical problems during normal working hours at all sites across Canada.
8. Training - the ability to provide online training across Canada to all relevant NRCan Library sites.

PART 3 – CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES (MINIMUM ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS)



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Any interested supplier must demonstrate by way of a statement of capabilities that its product/equipment/system (as appropriate) meets the following requirements:

- Must be authorized by publishers to offer online access to at least 40 of the earth science journals listed in section 2, item list 1;
- For each journal, full-text access to current year as well as at least 20 years' worth of archives, when applicable, must be available;
- All electronic journals must be available on a single platform.
- The platform must provide key functionalities as described in section 2.

PART 4 – APPLICABILITY OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT(S) TO THE PROCUREMENT

This procurement is subject to the following trade agreement(s):

- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)
- Revised World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP)
- Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA)
- Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement
- Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA)
- Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement (Canada-UK TCA)
- Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA)

PART 5 – JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PRE-IDENTIFIED SUPPLIER

The supplier mentioned in section 13 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.

PART 6 – 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.

The identified supplier, GeoScienceWorld is the only one able to meet all of the criteria identified in paragraph 3 above.



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PART 7 – EXCLUSIONS AND/OR LIMITED TENDERING REASONS

The following exclusion(s) and/or limited tendering reasons are invoked under the:

- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) – Article: 513.1(b) (iii);
- World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP) – Under the Revised GPA - Article XIII, 1 (b) (iii);
- Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) – Article(s) Article 19.12 (b) (iii)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) – Article(s): 15.10 , 2 (b) (iii) (s)
- Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA) – Article(s) Kbis-09 (b), Article Kbis-09 (c)
- Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement – Article(s): 1409 (b) (iii);
- Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement – Article(s): 17.11 2 (b) (iii)
- Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement – Article 14.3, Under the Revised GPA - Article XIII, 1 (b) (iii);
- Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement – Article(s) 16.10 (b) (iii)
- Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) – Article(s) 1409 (b) (iii)
- Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA) – Article(s) 10.13 (b) (iii)

PART 8 – PERIOD OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT OR DELIVERY DATE

The contract period will be from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025, plus four-year options.

PART 9 – COST ESTIMATE OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT

The estimated value of the contract, including option(s), is \$300,00.00 USD (GST/HST extra).

PART 10 – NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PRE-IDENTIFIED SUPPLIER

GeoScience World
1750 Tysons Boulevard
Suite 1500
McLean, VA

PART 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.

PART 12 – CLOSING DATE FOR A SUBMISSION OF A STATEMENT OF CAPABILITIES

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is April 08, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.



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PART 13 – INQUIRIES AND SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS OF CAPABILITIES

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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