

TASK Based Professional Services (TSPS) Requirement

This requirement is for: **Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev)**

This requirement is open only to those **Supply Arrangement Holders under E60ZT-18TSPS** who qualified under Tier 1 and under the stated consultant category, security level, region, level of expertise for the following category:

Stream 2: Business Consulting / Change Management Category 2.12: Evaluation Services Consultant

The requirement is intended to result in the award of two (2) contracts.

The following SA Holders have been invited to submit a proposal.

1. Alinea International Ltd.
2. Aniko Consultants Inc, Samson & Associates-CPA Consultation Inc.-Samson & Associates CPA-Consulting Inc., in Joint Venture
3. BP & M Government IM & IT Consulting Inc.
4. Cathexis Consulting Inc.
5. Contract Community Inc.
6. Ference & Company Consulting Ltd.
7. Goss Gilroy Inc.
8. KPMG LLP
9. Orbis Risk Consulting Inc.
10. Performance Management Network Inc.
11. Portage Personnel Inc.
12. PRA Inc.
13. Reseau Circum Inc.
14. TDV Global Inc.
15. The Strategic Review Group Inc.

Description of the Requirement:

FedDev Ontario may request a complete team, a partial team, or a single resource in order to provide the required Evaluation and Performance Measurement Services. The Contractor and their proposed resource(s) must work with FedDev Ontario staff identified by Evaluation Directorate (ED) to carry out evaluation and performance measurement work, transfer knowledge and/or job shadow for training purposes. In addition to delivery of the projects on the Evaluation Plan, the Contractor may be called upon, on an ad-hoc basis, to assist ED with development, validation of evaluation or performance measurement methodologies to meet the requirements of the Treasury Board Policy on Results.

Since FedDev Ontario was established in 2009 in response to economic downturn, the Agency has been delivering programs to contribute to strengthening southern Ontario's economic capacity for innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration, and to promote the development of a strong and diversified southern Ontario economy.

To achieve its mandate, FedDev Ontario delivers three core transfer payment programs designed to address specific opportunities and challenges facing the region such as Regional Economic Growth through Innovation (REGI) Program, Southern Ontario Prosperity Program (SOPP) and the Community Futures Program (CFP). FedDev Ontario, like other regional development agencies (RDAs) across the country, also plays an important role as a federal delivery agent for national programs in southern Ontario.

Evaluation Function

The purpose of the evaluation function is to ensure that the FedDev Ontario has a comprehensive and reliable base of evidence to support policy and program improvement, expenditure management, management and Cabinet decision making and public reporting.

Evaluation is the systematic collection and analysis of evidence on the outcomes of programs to make judgments about their relevance, performance and alternative ways of delivering the same results. It provides an evidence-based, neutral assessment of the value for money of FedDev Ontario programs. In doing so, evaluation supports accountability to Parliament and Canadians by helping FedDev Ontario report on results achieved with resources invested. It informs government decisions on resource allocation and reallocation by supporting strategic reviews and providing objective information on potential synergies and avoidance of duplication. In addition, evaluation supports the President in managing for results, and supports managers in making policy and program improvements.

Published in 2005 by Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS), the discussion paper entitled Decision-Making in Government: The Role of Program Evaluation provides a good overview of the role of evaluation in the federal government (http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/eval/tools_ouils/Aucoin/Aucoin_e.asp).

The document also identified some important principles for evaluation within the government. They are:

1. Recognizing program evaluation as a core function of public management
2. Embedding program evaluation in the decision-making process
3. Linking program evaluation to budgeting and expenditure management
4. Securing independence for program evaluation
5. Enhancing quality in program evaluation

Level of Security Requirement:

The contractor/offeror must, at all times during the performance of the contract/standing offer, hold a valid facility security clearance at the level of secret, with approved document safeguarding at the level of protected B , issued by the Contract Security Program (CSP), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)

The contractor/offeror personnel requiring access to protected/classified information, assets or sensitive work site(s) must each hold a valid personnel security screening at the level of reliability status or secret as required, granted or approved by the CSP, PWGSC

Applicable Trade Agreements:

The requirement is subject to the provisions of the “World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP)”, “the Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement”, “the Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement”, “the Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement”, “the Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement”, “the Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement”, “the Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement”, “the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)”, “the Canada-Columbia Free Trade Agreement”, “the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)”, “the Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement”, and “the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)”.

Associated Documents:

Nil

Proposed period of contract:

The proposed period of contract shall be from date of award to March 31, 2025.

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NOTE: The Task and Solutions Professional Services (TSPS) Method of Supply is subject to quarterly refresh cycles. If you wish to find out how you can be a “Qualified SA Holder”, please contact SPTS.TSPS@TPSGC-PWGSC.GC.CA