

## Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN)

23-58032

### Live animals

#### 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 Standing Offer 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

- The Department of *National Research Council Human Health Therapeutics* has a requirement for the supply various strains and stocks of barrier-reared and maintained mice, rats, hamsters, rabbits of specific genotype, health status, sex, age, weight and pregnancy status housed and reared in compliance with CCAC Guidelines.

#### 3. Criteria for assessment of the Statement of Capabilities (Minimum Essential Requirements)

All animals to be delivered in good health subject to credit or replacement and accompanied with health status report

Mice: Both sexes ages 4 -10 weeks

- Crl:CD1(ICR)
- Crl:SKH1-*Hrhr*
- B6N-*Tyrc-Brd/BrdCrCrl*
- BALB/cAnNCrl
- C57BL/6NCrl
- C57BL/6NCrl Age up to 75 Weeks
- Crl:NU(NCr)-*Foxn1nu*
- CB17/Icr-*Prkdcscid/IcrlcoCrl*
- CAnN.Cg-*Foxn1nu/Crl*
- Crl:CD1-*Foxn1nu*
- Crl:NU-*Foxn1nu*

Rats :

- Crl:CD(SD)
- Crl:SD
- Crl:LE
- Crl:WI
- F344/DuCrl

Rabbits: Both sexes up to 5 Kg

Crl:KBL(NZW)

Hamsters: Both sexes between 60 – 90 grams

Crl:LVG(SYR)

4. 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)*
5. Set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business  
Not applicable
6. Comprehensive Land Claims Agreement(s)

Not applicable

7. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

*This supplier has been identified at the request of specific client demand to pursue work with a provider to maintain study consistency and to match historical data, genetics and, microbiome .*

8. 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*".

9. Exclusions and/or Limited Tendering Reasons

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

- a. Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) – Article 513 (1) (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;
- b. World Trade Organization - Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP) – Article XIII (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;
- c. Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) – Article 19.12 (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;
- d. Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) – Article 15.10 (2) (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;
- e. Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA) – Article Kbis-16 (2) (c): necessary to protect intellectual property;
- f. Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement – Article 1409 (1) (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;
- g. Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement – Article 17.11 (2) (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;
- h. Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement – referencing the WTO Protocol Amending the GPA, Article XIII (1) (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;
- i. Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement – Article 16.10 (1) (b) (iii): because of the absence of competition for technical reasons;
- j. Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) – Article 1409 (1) (b) (iii): due to an absence of competition for technical reasons;

- k. Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA) – Annex 10-6 (2) (a): any form of preference, including set asides, to benefit micro, small and medium enterprises; and
- l. Canada-United Kingdom Trade Continuity Agreement: refer to CETA as the provisions of CETA are incorporated by reference into and made part of this Agreement. (CETA) Article 19.12 (b) (iii).

10. Ownership of Intellectual Property

Not applicable

11. Period of the proposed Standing Offer or delivery date

The proposed Standing Offer is for a period of 3 years, from August 1st, 2023 to July 31, 2026

12. Cost estimate of the proposed Standing Offer

The estimated value of the Standing Offer, including option(s), is \$750,000.00 (GST/HST extra).

13. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

Charles River Laboratories

324 St-Régis nord C.P. 400

Saint-Constant, Québec

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14. 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.

15. Closing date for a submission of a statement of capabilities

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is July 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. EST.

16. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

Name: Kacendra Dion

Title: Procurement Officer

Organization: National Research Council Canada

Telephone: 438-324-8125

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