



## **Solutions-Based Professional Services (TSPS) Requirement**

This requirement is for Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan)

This requirement is open **only** to those **Supply Arrangement Holders under E60ZT-16TSSB** who qualify under Tier 1 and under the stated consultant category, security level, region, level of expertise for the following stream(s):

### **2) Business consulting/change management services**

The requirement is intended to result in the award of one (1) contract.

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

1. BDO Canada LLP
2. Bell Browne Molnar and Delicate Consulting Inc.
3. Cathexis Consulting Inc.
4. Deloitte Inc.
5. FERENCE & COMPANY CONSULTING LTD.
6. Fujitsu Consulting (CANADA) Inc./Fujitsu Conseil (Canada) Inc.
7. Goss Gilroy Inc.
8. Hickling, Arthurs, Low Corporation
9. Levio Conseils Inc.
10. MGIS Inc.
11. NATTIQ INC.
12. PRA Inc.
13. QATALYST RESEARCH GROUP INC.
14. QMR STAFFING SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED, 3D GLOBAL ENTERPRISES INC. IN JOINT VENTURE
15. Y2 Consulting Psychologists Inc./Psychologues consultants Y2 inc.

Qualified SA Holders can request to be invited to the solicitation process by contacting the Contracting Authority by email. Solicitation documents will be shared with up to 5 Qualified SA Holders upon request on a first-come-first-served basis.

### **Description of the Requirement:**

#### *The Canadian Coal Transition initiative*

The Canadian Coal Transition initiative (CCTI) is a key part of the commitments made under the *2017 Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change*. In 2018, the Government of Canada introduced regulations to phase out coal-fired electricity by 2030. Transitioning to cleaner energy sources benefits communities' health and fights climate change. However, this transition will also challenge impacted communities as they adapt. Through CCTI, Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan)—formerly Western Economic Diversification—and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) have been supporting skills development and economic diversification to help workers and communities in the Canadian Prairies and in the Atlantic region adapt to Canada's transition to a low carbon economy. CCTI is helping impacted communities in Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia

transition their economies away from coal-fired electricity generation by investing in capacity-building, entrepreneurship, business start-up and expansion, and supply chain development. The fund was launched on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, and is an investment of \$35 million over five years (PrairiesCan \$25M; ACOA \$10M). The initiative ended on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Cash flow and monitoring is extended to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. However, no program extension was required.

#### *The Canada Coal Transition Initiative – Infrastructure Fund*

In 2018, the Government of Canada created the Task Force on Just Transition for Canadian Coal Power Workers and Communities to provide recommendations on how best to support communities and workers through the phase-out. Ten recommendations were made by the Task Force, including support for infrastructure needs in affected communities. The Canada Coal Transition Initiative – Infrastructure Fund (CCTI-IF) was launched on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and is a \$150 million fund (PrairiesCan \$105M; ACOA \$45M) with aims to help communities move away from coal by investing in infrastructure. Affected communities and surrounding areas will benefit from these new infrastructure investments, allowing them to diversify their economies and bring in new sources of revenue to support growth and prosperity. The initiative is set to end on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

The Treasury Board Submission of the CCTI-IF requires the Agencies to undertake an impact evaluation of the CCTI and the CCTI-IF linked initiatives in the fiscal year 2023-24. This impact study will assess the performance of the CCTI and CCTI-IF in achieving the short-term and mid-term outcomes of the support in Alberta, and Saskatchewan. The impact evaluation will assess the likelihood of achieving long-term outcomes after funding ends.

#### **Level of Security Requirement:**

##### **Company Minimum Security Level Required**

FSC - Secret

##### **Resource Minimum Security Level Required**

Reliability

#### **Applicable Trade Agreements:**

1. Canada Free Trade Agreement
2. Canada–Chile Free Trade Agreement
3. Canada–Columbia Free Trade Agreement
4. Canada–Honduras Free Trade Agreement
5. Canada–Korea Free Trade Agreement
6. Canada–Panama Free Trade Agreement
7. Canada–Peru Free Trade Agreement

#### **Proposed period of contract:**

The proposed period of contract shall be from approximately August 21, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

**Estimated Level of Effort:**

The estimated level of effort of the contract will be approximately 100 days.

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