



Procurement Hub – Fredericton
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TITLE: Study of the biological environment – Weirs rehabilitation in the Lake Saint-Pierre archipelago

1. Advance Contract Award Notice

An Advance Contract Award Notice (ACAN) is a public notice indicating to the supplier community that a department or agency intends to award a good, service or construction contract to a pre-identified supplier, believed to be the only one capable of performing the work, thereby allowing other suppliers to signal their interest in bidding by submitting a statement of capabilities. If no other supplier submits a statement of capabilities that meets the requirements set out in the ACAN, no later than the closing date indicated in the ACAN, the contracting officer may then proceed with awarding the contract to the pre-identified supplier.

2. Requirements definition

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) requires environmental services for the assessment of certain components of the biological environment in the area of the Lac Saint-Pierre archipelago's weirs. Under the Impact Assessment Act (IAA), DFO is required to conduct an environmental impact assessment of the project to refurbish the weirs, to ensure that it does not cause significant adverse environmental effects. Considering the importance of the project and its issues, and despite the fact that it is not a designated project, the assessment of the environmental effects on the components of the environment must be carried out with a scope and rigor similar to the latter, and the level of detail and accuracy of the assessment of the effects on the components of the environment must be adequately documented and supported.

In this context, the complementary studies to be carried out must be designed and developed to adequately support the analysis of the project's effects on the Valued Environmental Components (VECs), and to promote the adoption of mitigation measures adapted to the project. Also, in anticipation of the environmental follow-up program that could be developed as part of the environmental

assessment, certain parameters need to be measured or inventoried before the project is carried out in order to document the baseline condition.

To date, a baseline study based on a literature review has been carried out. This study comprises the following 3 sub-studies:

- AECOM, 2020a. Étude de base du milieu physique – revue des informations existantes.
- AECOM, 2020b. Étude de base du milieu biologique – revue des informations existantes.
- AECOM, 2020c. Étude de base du milieu humain – revue des informations existantes.

The basic study of the biological environment will be provided with the resulting contract. If required, the other studies can be supplied on request.

In addition, fish habitat characterization and mapping was carried out in 2022. The purpose of this characterization was to document the characteristics of fish habitats upstream and downstream of each of the weirs (local area) in order to provide a portrait of the habitats present and thus obtain a reference state for comparison purposes in the event of any environmental follow-up. The results of this study were used to classify the habitats present according to specific criteria. This information will be provided to the consultant following the awarding of the contract. Complementary characterizations of the environment to be implemented as part of the present mandate must take into account the results of this study in order to define the levels of effort required to establish the use of the habitats of importance that will have been identified.

3. The work will include the following :

The services to be provided are aimed at the complementary characterization of certain components of the biological environment. The service provider must develop and carry out a complementary characterization program for the environmental components listed below on behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in order to fill information gaps and eventually enable a detailed assessment of the environmental effects of the project.

The components affected by this mandate are as follows:

- Wetlands and hydrology;
- Floristic species at risk;
- Herpetofauna.

In general, complementary characterizations for biological components will focus on the local study area.

It should be noted that the present terms of reference exclude the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. However, the results of the characterization of the biological components listed above must be compiled in sectoral reports and must be sufficiently detailed to be eventually integrated into an EIA.

4. Criteria for assessing the statement of capabilities (Minimum essential requirements)

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

- The project director must be a biologist with 15 or more years' experience in wildlife inventories. The project director must be in charge of supervising the project as a whole.
- The project manager must be a biologist with 5 years' experience or in wildlife inventories. The project manager must be in charge of all aspects of coordination, fieldwork planning, drafting of deliverables and overall project management.
- The environmental technician must be an environmental (or wildlife, ecology or equivalent) technician with 10 or more years' experience in wildlife inventories. The technician must be in charge of carrying out fauna and flora inventories in the field.

5. Set-aside under the Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business (PSIB)

This contract is reserved for Indigenous businesses, in accordance with the government's Procurement Strategy for Indigenous Business (PSIB). Consequently, only suppliers who meet the definition of "Indigenous business", as defined in the PSIB, may submit a Statement of Capabilities.

6. Justification for using a pre-selected supplier

In order to encourage the participation of the First Nations consulted as part of the project to refurbish the weirs, DFO asked the councils of the nations consulted for their interest and capacity to carry out certain aspects of the project, such as fauna and flora inventories. As the Huron-Wendat Nation Council was the only one to confirm its interest and capacity to carry out fauna and flora and plant inventories as early as 2023, DFO pursued the procurement process solely with this group.

7. Exception(s) to the Government Contracts Regulations

The following exception(s) to the Government Contracts Regulations is (are) invoked for this purchase: paragraph 6.(c) cases the nature of the work to be contracted for is such that it would not be in the public interest to solicit bids.

8. Proposed contract period or delivery date

The proposed contract is for a period of two (2) years, from the date of contract award to March 30, 2025.

9. Estimated cost of proposed contract

The estimated value of the contract is \$250,000.00 (plus GST/HST).

10. Name and address of pre-selected supplier

Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat, 255 Place Chef Michel Laveau, Wendake, QC G0A 4V0.

11. Suppliers' Right to Submit a Statement of Capabilities.

Suppliers who believe they are fully qualified and willing to provide the goods, services or construction services described in this ACAN may submit a written statement of capabilities to the contact person named in this notice by the closing date, which is also specified in this notice. The statement of capabilities must clearly demonstrate that the supplier meets the published requirements.

12. Closing date for submission of statements of capabilities

The closing date and time for acceptance of statements of capabilities is 2 p.m. (ADT) on Monday July 17th, 2023.

13. Request for information and submission of statements of capabilities

Requests for information and statements of capabilities should be submitted to :

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