

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.

2. Definition of the requirement

The Department of National Defence has a requirement for the supply of quantity **5** Battlefield Awareness and Targeting System-Dismounted (BATS-D) handheld AN/PRC161-Radios and quantity **5** AN-PRC-161/BATS-D Hotshoe Cables to augment the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) capability.

With OPTION for 4 additional years for 1x new Radio and Cable each year

The specific products requested are as follows:

Item 1:

NSN: 5820-01-669-3529

Part no: 1264823

NCAGE: 47358 VIASAT INC

Description: BATS-D AN/PRC-161 HANDHELD Radio

Item 2:

NSN: 5995-01-672-6254

Part no: 1256571

NCAGE: 47358 VIASAT INC

Description: CABLE ASSEMBLY, SPECIAL PURPOSE, ELECTRICAL / AN/PRC161- Cable USB

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

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

1. Must be a ruggedized handheld link 16 capable radio terminal
2. Provide both Link 16 voice and data
3. Have Link 16 frequency remap built in
4. Capable of Link 16 enhanced throughput
5. Capable of concurrent multi-net
6. Interoperable with all other link 16 radio sets
7. Link 16 Crypto Modernize Initiative compliant
8. Enhanced Anti jam capable
9. Work with an external amplifier to provide higher throughput and split network.

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),

5. Justification for the Pre-Identified Supplier

L3Harris is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the BATS-D / AN/PRC161-Radio which was and is designed, maintained, and manufactured by L3Technologies, Inc. Communication Systems-West (L3H). In addition, L3Harris has the exclusive right to sell such items. The *BATS-D* design IP exclusively belongs to or is licensed to L3Harris.

6. Government Contracts Regulations Exception(s)

The following exception to the *Government Contracts Regulations* is invoked for this procurement under subsection 6(d) - "only one person is capable of performing the work".

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 b (iv)

8. Period of the proposed contract or delivery date

The BATS-D Radios and Cables must be delivered no later than **March 31, 2024**.

9. Cost estimate of the proposed contract

The estimated value for the FIRM quantities of the contract is **\$340,050.00 CAD** (GST/PST extra).

10. Name and address of the pre-identified supplier

L3HARRIS
640 North 2200 West, PO Box 16850
Salt Lake City, UT 84116-0850
USA

11. Suppliers' right to submit a statement of capabilities

Suppliers who consider themselves fully qualified and available to provide the goods and 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.

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

The closing date and time for accepting statements of capabilities is **5 Sept, 2023**, at 2:00 pm EDT.

13. Inquiries and submission of statements of capabilities

Inquiries and statements of capabilities are to be directed to:

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