

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROCUREMENT (NPP) 20-709

CEBA FAIRNESS OPINION CONSULTANT

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:

Export Development Canada (EDC) is announcing that it is undertaking a Request for Proposal (RFP).

The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to select an advisory firm to prepare and deliver a Fairness Opinion in connection with the administration of the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) Program.

The term of the Agreement will be for a period of the earlier of (i) 4 Months with an EDC option to extend the Agreement on the same terms and conditions for up to an additional 2 consecutive 1 month terms, or (ii) completion of all deliverables by the Consultant and acceptance by EDC.

Scope of Services:

1. Assessment of a selection of members of the group of financial institutions that participate in the implementation and administration of CEBA.
2. Provide for an opinion on the cost of the program and administration services provided by financial institutions to EDC in connection with their participation in CEBA.
3. Provide a Project Plan
4. Fairness Opinion Framework
5. Fairness Opinion

POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS

Should potential suppliers of these services wish to be included in this process, they must complete a "Letter of Interest" (as detailed below). Without exception, suppliers that do not submit letters of interest will not be considered in the RFP process.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A "LETTER OF INTEREST"

The letter of interest must identify "NPP # 20-709 – CEBA Fairness Opinion Consultant". Letters may be provided in either official language however the Supplier should be advised that its response may be required to be translated in order to be assessed and EDC reserves the right to rely upon its translation as the basis for this assessment.

Letters of Interest must identify the supplier's:

- Legal name
- Mailing address
- Telephone number
- Website/URL
- Contact (to coordinate receipt of the Non-Disclosure Agreement and RFP)
- Contact's email address

Letters of Interest must be received by EDC by mail or by electronic mail (npp@edc.ca) before 3:00 p.m. Ottawa Time on May 3, 2021 Upon receipt of the letter of interest, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) will be issued to the supplier, who upon execution of the NDA will be entitled to receive the RFP documentation.

The RFP is scheduled to be released the week of May 5, 2021.

EDC may, in its sole and absolute discretion, change the foregoing dates and times upon prior written notice to the potential suppliers.

RFP MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to assist potential suppliers in determining their suitability in responding to this RFP, below is an excerpt of the mandatory requirements of the RFP. Potential suppliers will be required to be **100% compliant** with **all** of the following mandatory elements and must address each element below in order of appearance within the RFP response. Interested companies are required to have proven expertise in the following areas:

1. The Proponent **must (M)** provide completed pricing tables (Appendix C) for all goods and services required under this Request for Proposal. All costs, including any One Time Costs, **must (M)** be provided with the Proponent's Offer or Proposal as part of its Financial Proposal.
2. The Proponent **must (M)** provide completed Mandatory Summary (Appendix D) and satisfy the Mandatory Requirements.
3. The Proponent **must (M)** have the ability to deliver the report in English.

The Proponent **must (M)** have the ability to interact with Financial Institutions in their preferred official language e.g: in English or French.

RFP EVALUATION CRITERIA:

(Criteria and their associated weights are estimates and are subject to change at the discretion of EDC.)

- a) Rated Requirements (80%)
 - a. Corporate Capability
 - b. Methodology
 - c. Experience / Capability
 - d. Team Experience and Capability
 - e. Client References
- b) Financial Assessment (20%)


NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT:

All participants in any subsequent RFP process will be required to sign EDC's Non-Disclosure Agreement without amendment prior to receiving the RFP documentation. Additionally, if deemed applicable by EDC, participants will be required to enter into a more detailed Agreement to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Act, should they be awarded the contract at the completion of the RFP process.

GENERAL:

EDC reserves the right to contact the referenced organizations for the selected provider as part of a subsequent RFP process.

EDC reserves the right to satisfy itself of the financial viability of the selected provider as part of a subsequent RFP process.



All documents and other deliverables provided in response to this NPP become the property of EDC. This NPP and any submission received in response thereto, any associated RFP and proposal submitted in response thereto, and all related agreements, including a confidentiality agreement and services agreement, will be interpreted and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

EDC has issued this NPP in order to solicit information from potential Service Providers. EDC assumes no liability, responsibility or obligation whatsoever to any Service Provider with respect to any aspect of this NPP. EDC has no obligation to reimburse or in any way compensate any Service Provider for expenses incurred in connection with its receipt, review or response to this NPP or in connection with the negotiation of a confidentiality agreement, services agreement, or otherwise.

BACKGROUND – EDC:

ABOUT EDC

For 75 years, Export Development Canada (EDC) has been dedicated to helping Canadian companies of all sizes succeed on the world stage. We are a financial Crown corporation that equips Canadian companies with the tools they need – the trade knowledge, financing solutions, equity, insurance, and connections – to grow their business with confidence. As international risk experts, we make trade safer for Canadian companies. Underlying all our support is a commitment to sustainable and responsible business. For more information please visit our website edc.ca.