

**United States Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management  
Procurement Special Notice  
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**(Note: Quarterly update to Special Notice Posted on September 30, 2021)**

In light of COVID-19 and associated impacts on business activities, the following quarterly update is provided for information purposes to ensure that DOE-EM receives high-quality proposals and robust competition. DOE-EM implemented a Strategic Procurement Sequencing as a health and safety acknowledgement as well as to implement a sensible procurement planning approach at a supportable pace in the current environment. DOE-EM generally expects to proceed with procurement functions that require limited or no face-to-face interactions or travel. These actions will demonstrate the furtherance of the EM cleanup mission and competitive procurement process to the maximum extent practicable. As the Department focuses on safe operations at DOE-EM facilities, DOE-EM will continue to foster a competitive procurement environment to the greatest extent possible during this unique time.

DOE-EM expects to proceed with reasonable acquisition schedules and revised process considerations that may be necessary due to enhanced telework, social distancing, and travel restrictions. To mitigate resource surges, Final RFP releases will be staggered accordingly and any proposal preparation time periods may be extended. Following are updated current projections for all major DOE-EM Final RFP releases for planning purposes for the next six months and the six-month projection will be updated quarterly during the COVID-19 period. ***This information is subject to further change based on continued COVID-19 impacts.*** Any questions and/or comments related to the stated timeframes and any related matters of concern may be submitted to Aaron Deckard, EMCBC, Procurement Director, at the following email address: [EMProcurementNews@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:EMProcurementNews@emcbc.doe.gov).

Final RFP release dates for major acquisitions for the six-month period through May 2022 will be no sooner than:

- EM Elemental Mercury Long-Term Management and Storage – January 2022
- Technical Assistance Contracts for EM Field Sites – February 2022 (Note: Additional information to be released by EM, including synopsis, prior to posting of the Final RFP)
- Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Operations and Site Mission Support – March 2022
- Portsmouth Decontamination and Decommissioning – March 2022