

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) SOURCES SOUGHT

Solicitation Number: 89303322REM000112

Title: Small Business Set-Aside for Nationwide Deactivation, Decommissioning and Removal (DD&R)

Date: August 31, 2022

THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR QUOTE OR PROPOSAL. THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY.

No solicitation is available. This RFI is released pursuant to FAR 15.201(e), Exchanges with Industry Before Receipt of Proposals, and is issued for the purpose of conducting market research.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC) is currently in the acquisition planning phase for an upcoming small business set-aside procurement to perform work including, but not limited to DD&R of Facilities, Waste Management, and Program Support for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the Office of Environmental Management (EM) sites, Office of Naval Reactors (NR), and the Office of Science (OS). The services to be acquired may be performed at various locations throughout the United States (U.S.).

This RFI solicits input via capability statements from small business concerns that have specialized capabilities necessary to perform any or all of the major elements of scope for the upcoming competitive procurement. Within these capability statements, DOE is seeking feedback from interested parties regarding innovative approaches for the performance of the Major Elements of Scope as well as insight into potential contracting alternatives. DOE will use the results of this market research to identify interested and capable sources and develop its acquisition strategy. Key market research goals include identifying and minimizing barriers to competition, evaluating small business capabilities, identifying risks, identifying potential requirements definitions and contract alternatives, and identifying appropriate terms and conditions.

Due to the preliminary stage of this planning activity, a Performance Work Statement is not available at this time for the requirements; however, the Major Elements of Scope are identified in Attachment 1. EM is seeking contracting solutions to most efficiently and effectively complete its cleanup mission and is considering the possibility of executing Multiple Award IDIQ Contracts. The anticipated number of procurements, types of contracts, periods of performance, and contract value are to be determined.

The DOE EMCBC created a procurement website at <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/seb/SBNDDR/> where additional information will be provided. Information posted on the EMCBC website will be updated as it becomes available; therefore, interested parties should monitor the EMCBC website for additional information.

All interested parties are hereby invited to submit an electronic capability statement of no more than 15 pages, and no smaller than 12 point font (Portable Document Format (PDF)). Electronic file submissions must be less than 20 Megabytes. The Government will evaluate each capability statement based on the interested parties demonstrated past performance, capabilities, and expertise in each of the major elements of scope. More specifically, capability statements should include the following information as appropriate and as applicable:

- 1) Describe your approach, including rationale, to performing all or a portion of the Major Elements of Scope (Attachment 1). DOE is interested in cutting edge thinking, innovativeness, and other ways for DOE to maximize the probability of successfully and safely performing the work, while managing and controlling costs.
- 2) Describe your capability performing relevant work similar to the Major Elements of Scope over the past five years. Identify no more than three DOE, other Government, and/or commercial contracts relevant to the work of this RFI [include contract number, role in the effort (i.e., prime or subcontractor), period of performance, dollar value of the work performed, scope, client, and contracting agency contact information]. Include as part of the referenced contracts any relevant experience with agency directives or international and/or national standards, and complex regulatory environments, working with various stakeholders and regulatory agencies at the state and federal level, performing multiple projects, contracts, or Task Orders concurrently, and implementing safety basis requirements.
- 3) Identify how your organization would identify and mitigate technical challenges and risks in meeting the Major Elements of Scope such that there is a reasonable assurance of successful performance.
- 4) Discuss your company and/or teaming arrangement's capabilities managing and integrating the Major Elements of Scope under a single contract. The work could be conducted at various sites which may require interface and integration with other site contractors. Also describe your capabilities for managing and integrating the work of subcontractors.
- 5) Describe your experience in a complex regulatory environment in respect to problem solving, working with various stakeholders, Citizens Advisory Boards, and regulatory agencies at the state and federal level.
- 6) Highlight any factors that would make competing for this contract desirable or undesirable for your firm or your teaming partners, including input on proposal evaluation criteria. Discuss any issues that DOE should consider when developing the solicitation for this requirement, as well as any areas in the Major Elements of Scope believed to be missing or in need of clarification.
- 7) Identify any Organizational Conflicts of Interest concerns and/or potential OCI's that you or your teaming partners may have pertaining to the work described in this RFI.

Interested small businesses are requested to provide the name of the firm, or firms if a teaming arrangement is being contemplated, point of contact, phone number, address of firm, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, and/or Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code used over the past five years for the prime and each contemplated teaming partner. Identify the socio-economic status of each member and provide the capabilities of the small business as well as a description of the work that it would perform under a contract. Identify as one or more of the following under NAICS code 562910, Environmental Remediation Services: 1) small business; 2) 8(a) business (including graduation date); 3) HUBZone small business; 4) small, disadvantaged business; 5) woman-owned small business; 6) service-disabled, veteran-owned small business; or 7) large business.

DOE reserves the right to use any and all information submitted by, or obtained from, an interested party in any manner DOE determines is appropriate, including, but not limited to, the creation of a competitive solicitation. An interested party should avoid including any classified, business confidential, and/or proprietary information in its response. However, if an interested party must submit business confidential and/or proprietary information, it must be clearly marked accordingly, and the interested party must provide sufficient justification as to why such information is business confidential and/or proprietary. DOE will review said information and safeguard it appropriately.

The Government will not pay for any information that is provided in response to this announcement nor will it compensate any respondents for the development of such information. All capability statements and questions pertaining to this announcement shall be submitted electronically to sbnationwideddr@emcbc.doe.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 21, 2022. DOE may not respond to or post on the EMCBC website any verbal or written questions or comments pertaining to this RFI. DOE personnel may contact firms responding to this announcement to clarify a responder's capabilities and other matters as part of this market research process.

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