

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)/SOURCES SOUGHT

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**Title: Environmental Management (EM) West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP)
Phase 1B Contract**

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No solicitation exists at this time. 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 (EM) is conducting updated market research from the request that was released in October 2018.

DOE EM is currently in the acquisition planning stage for the potential contract award to complete the Phase 1B Deactivation & Demolition (D&D) and Soil Remediation (Phase 1B) activities at the DOE West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Site in Western New York. Under the Record of Decision for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Phase 1 represents the first phase for decommissioning of the WVDP in accordance with the WVDP Act (Public Law 96-368). Phase 1 Decommissioning work has been ongoing at WVDP since August 2011 when the Phase 1 Decommissioning – Facility Disposition (Phase 1A) contract was awarded to CH2M Hill – BWXT West Valley, LLC.

The purpose of the potential end-state contract is to achieve significant reduction in financial liability and environmental risk that provides the best overall optimal solution to site accelerated completion and closure. A Performance Work Statement is not available at this time; however, the Major Elements of Scope are identified in Attachment 1. The various Major Elements of Scope have descriptive statements of DOE's "desired outcome" associated with the performance of each element. That "desired outcome" statement is intended to provide the Contractor with insight regarding DOE's perspective on the objectives that need to be accomplished in order to accelerate completion of the WVDP Site cleanup.

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit input via capability statements from interested parties with the specialized capabilities necessary to meet all of the Major Elements of Scope for the upcoming competitive procurement(s) for the WVDP Phase 1B contract requirements. This market research will assist DOE with identifying interested and capable sources and developing its acquisition strategy. Key market research goals include identifying and minimizing barriers to competition, evaluating small business capabilities, and identifying risks. The final contract type, period of performance, amount of funding, and set aside possibilities will be determined through the acquisition planning process and this market research.

DOE will determine whether or not the full requirements can be performed by a small business, 8(a), HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, woman-owned small business, or service-disabled-veteran-owned small business. Small businesses, believing that they have the capability to perform all or a portion of the Major Elements of Scope are welcome to demonstrate such capabilities by submitting a capability statement in accordance with the instructions below. Information provided in response to this Sources Sought will also help shape small business subcontracting incentives if a small business set-aside is not feasible. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this requirement is 562910, Environmental Remediation Services, and the small business size standard is 750 employees.

The DOE EM Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC) created a procurement website where additional information will be provided and can be viewed at <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/seb/wvdpphase1B/>. Information posted on the EMCBC procurement website will be updated as it becomes available; therefore, interested parties should monitor the EMCBC website regularly for additional information. DOE will not respond to or post on the EMCBC website any verbal or written questions or comments pertaining to this RFI package.

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All interested parties are hereby invited to submit a capability statement of no more than 5 pages, and no smaller than 12-point font. Also, electronic file submissions must be less than 20 Megabytes. The Government will evaluate each capability statement based on the interested parties' demonstrated qualifications, capabilities, expertise and past performance 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 ability, approach (including rationale) and experience in performing all of the Major Elements of Scope over the past 5 years. Identify no more than three (3) DOE, other Government, and/or other commercial work relevant to this RFI [include contract number, role in the effort (i.e., prime Contractor or subcontractor), period of performance, dollar value, scope, client, and contracting agency contact information].
- 2) Discuss your company's experience managing and integrating the Major Elements of Scope under a single contract, including experience managing and integrating the work of subcontractors who would perform specialty functions. Describe your relevant work experience in a complex regulatory environment with respect to problem-solving, working with various stakeholders, Citizen Advisory Groups, and regulatory agencies at the state and federal level.
- 3) Describe your ability to obtain the expertise and relevant work or your ability to obtain the necessary expertise in sponsorship, management and administration of legacy pension plans and other benefit plans including Defined Contribution Plan, Post-Retirement Benefits Plan, health and welfare benefit plans and severance. Discuss your company's experience in

managing a union-represented workforce and labor-management relations and resolving any past labor disputes.

- 4) Provide input and rationale to DOE on the optimal period of performance for the prospective procurement. Discuss any issues the Contracting Officer should consider when developing the solicitation for this requirement. Identify and describe any areas in the Major Elements of Scope believed to be missing, or in need of clarification. Provide approaches, including rationale and insight, into contracting alternatives [period of performance, incentives, etc.] to achieve the Major Elements of Scope.

Interested parties 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, UEI number, and/or CAGE code used over the past five years for the prime and each contemplated teaming partner. Small business teams or joint ventures shall identify the socio-economic status of each member and shall provide the capabilities of each member, as well as a description of the work that each member would perform under a contract, keeping in mind the requirements of FAR Clause 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting that at least 50% of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the prime Contractor (if any portion of the effort is to be set-aside for small businesses). 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 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 pertaining to this announcement shall be submitted electronically to wvdpphase1B@emcbc.doe.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, February 24, 2023. 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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Attachment 1 – Major Elements of Scope

The desired outcome is to perform all Environment, Safety, Health, and Quality Assurance (ESH&QA) requirements and business administration requirements including, but not limited to the following:

- Environmental Compliance, Monitoring and Permitting;
- Safety;
- Emergency Management;
- Radiation Safety;
- Nuclear Safety;
- Criticality Safety;
- Worker Safety and Health;
- Quality Assurance;
- Engineering (Civil, Geotechnical, and Environmental);
- Project Management and Finances;
- Infrastructure Support, including Real and Personal Property Management, Communications, Records Management, and Support to DOE;
- Office and Information Services;
- Energy Employees Occupational Injury Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA);
- Radiological Assistance Program (RAP); and
- Public Communication Support.

The desired outcome is to perform day-to-day operations, maintenance, and repair of designated facilities, systems, and equipment including, but not limited to, responding to service calls, emergencies, day-to-day systems operation, preventive maintenance, and minor alterations. Systems requiring maintenance are expected to include, but may not be limited to:

- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration systems (HVAC&R);
- Electrical distribution system;
- Natural gas distribution system;
- Potable water treatment and distribution system;
- Energy management control systems (EMCS);
- Fire alarm/suppression systems, including water-supplied fire systems;
- Backup generators/Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS);
- Interior building finishes;
- Interior and exterior lighting;
- Exterior walls, windows, and signage;
- Moisture protection and roofing;
- Storm and sanitary piping systems;
- Waste Tank Farm Tank and Vault Drying System; and
- Wastewater (including both radiological and industrial) treatment system, including ponds and lagoons.

Remote Handled Waste Facility (RHWF) - Maintain the RHWF in an operational or operable condition throughout the period of performance to ensure it will be an operational facility at the end of the period of performance.

O&M of Reservoir, Spillway & Rail Line - Operate and maintain the reservoir, auxiliary and emergency spillways, and all supporting or appurtenant structures in a safe condition throughout the contract period to ensure integrity of the WNYNSC Class 1 railroad line that extends from the site to the beginning of the Buffalo Pittsburgh line. Dam operation shall eliminate or minimize to the extent practicable any overtopping of the dams (i.e., actuation of auxiliary and/or emergency spillways).

Waste Management Area 1 (WMA 1) O&M and Renovation - Perform O&M activities and design and install the following items outside WMA 1:

- Replacement of the fire protection infrastructure and Fire Loop maintenance;
- Wastewater (gray and black water) and potable water storage tanks; and
- Low Level Waste Treatment System (LLWTS) to manage water from the NDA (Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensed Disposal Area).

Permeable Treatment Wall (PTW) Management - Operate, monitor, and maintain the PTW, including the development of routine performance assessments (e.g., Annual to Five Year Reviews) and engineering solutions to address any degradation in performance during the contractual period of performance.

High Level Waste Canister Interim Storage Facility - Operate, monitor, and maintain the HLW Canister Interim Storage Facility located on the south plateau of the WVDP.

Facility Deactivation and Demolition (D&D) and Soil Remediation

The desired outcome is complete demolition of the at-grade and below-grade WVDP facilities (including areas designated as Hazard Category (HAZCAT) 3); contaminated soil and debris removal to depths up to 50 feet below grade; and waste characterization, processing, packaging, transportation, and disposal.

Facility Deactivation and Demolition (D&D)

- Main Plant Process Building (MPPB) demolition of the remainder of the at grade slabs and below-grade structures associated with the MPPB. In addition, the waste characterization, processing, packaging, transportation, and disposal of waste materials.
- Vitrification Facility (VF) Below-Grade Demolition - Removal of the at-grade materials and concrete floor, stub walls, stainless steel liners, associated subgrade structures, and associated waste characterization processing, packaging, transportation, and disposal.
- Fuel Receiving and Storage, Concrete Floor Slabs in WMA 1, Fire Pump House and Water Storage Tank (32D-1), Below-grade Tanks, and Balance of Site Facility Decommissioning - Removal of the at-grade and below-grade facilities and structures;

characterization, processing, packaging, transportation, and disposal of all waste materials.

WMA 1 Soil Excavation and Remediation – In accordance with WVDP Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan (Rev. 2), actions include 1) the removal, processing, packaging, transportation, and offsite disposal of all contaminated fill, subsurface debris, soil, and geologic strata, 2) removal and disposal of the source area (soils) of the radioactive North Plateau Groundwater Plume, 3) remedial action surveying (final status surveys) and backfill with environmentally clean fill.

Low-Level Radiological Waste Treatment System Operation, Deactivation, and Removal; Waste Management Area (WMA) -2 Soil Removal and Remediation – In accordance with WVDP Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan (Rev. 2), actions minimally include 1) maintenance of all facilities in Waste Management Area (WMA) 2, 2) subsequent removal of the water-treatment systems when no longer required, 3) soil remediation, remedial action (final status) surveys, and backfilling of excavations, and 4) associated waste processing, packaging, transportation, and disposition,.

Waste Tank Farm (WTF)

The desired outcomes include:

- Operation, inspection, maintenance, and repair of all WTF systems, including any designated HAZCAT3 components, required to maintain safe operations within the WTF and Supernatant Treatment System (STS) Support Building.
- A cost-effective operation of the Permanent Ventilation System (PVS) and Tank and Vault Drying System (T&VDS).
- Maintain surface-water controls and routing structures to minimize infiltration and migration of water from other sources into the WTF area, and maintain the groundwater-elevation control systems (pumping wells);
- Retrieval, processing, packaging, transport, and disposal of tank heel (sludge and solids on bottom of tank 8D-4), cesium-laden liquid, and the removal and disposal of all liquid and heel treatment/disposition equipment and materials; and
- Removal, processing, packaging, transportation, and disposal of HLW pumps remaining in the tanks after Phase 1A; removal, processing, packaging, transportation, and disposal of all HLW associated piping and equipment located within the WTF area (not required for maintenance) and the HLW Transfer Trench and Pits.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) – Licensed Disposal Area (NDA)

The desired outcome includes:

- Inspection, environmental and erosion monitoring, maintenance and repair of the NDA armored toe, the NDA geomembrane cover, the NDA subsurface barrier (bentonite slurry) wall, and the NDA Interceptor Trench;
- Management and treatment of radioactively contaminated water collected in the NDA Interceptor Trench (location NDATR); and

- Removal, processing, packaging, and disposal of the NDA Hardstand (see Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan for the WVDP).

Waste Management and Nuclear Materials

The desired outcome includes:

- Characterization, processing, packaging, transportation, and disposal of all wastes generated under the Major Elements of Scope, including remaining legacy waste with a pathway for disposal;
- Storage of Transuranic (TRU) waste with no pathway for disposal.
- If a TRU waste pathway for disposal become available before the end of the contract, then package, transport, and dispose TRU waste in accordance with the waste-acceptance criteria of the disposal site; and
- Operate HAZCAT 3 facilities, including the Remote Handle Waste Facility (RHWF), Fuel Receiving and Storage Area (FRS), Container Sorting and Packaging Facility (CSPF), Lag Storage Area (LSA) Shipping Depot, and LSA 4 Waste Packaging Area for waste processing and packaging.

Safeguards and Security (S&S)

The desired outcome includes all security activities that support the Department's Strategic Plan by ensuring S&S programs are tailored to address site-specific characteristics and requirements. The Contractor must ensure that S&S programs incorporate a risk-based approach to protect assets and activities against the consequences of attempted theft, diversion, terrorist attack, industrial sabotage, radiological sabotage, chemical sabotage, biological sabotage, espionage, unauthorized access, compromise, and other acts that may have an adverse impact on national security, the environment, or pose significant danger to the health and safety of Department of Energy (DOE) Federal and Contractor employees or the public.