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Dear Interested Parties:

SUBJECT: PRESOLICITATION NOTICE: PORTSMOUTH PADUCAH PROJECT OFFICE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL SERVICE RECOMPETE DE-SOL-0003603

Thank you for your interest in participating in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) comment period for the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide Environmental Technical Services (ETS) at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant for the Portsmouth Paducah Project Office (PPPO).

The Department of Energy (DOE) anticipates the issuance of a Final RFP in August of 2012.

DOE IS NOT REQUESTING PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME, AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP. DOE WILL NOT EVALUATE ANY PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP. PROPOSALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL RFP.

The significant features of the draft RFP are as follows:

Business/Competition Model: Total Small Business Set-Aside competition for a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)-based contract with the intent to select a single contractor.

Contract Type: Cost-Plus-Award-Fee. Performance will be measured against the evaluation criteria set forth in the Performance Evaluation Management Plan (PEMP). The draft PEMP has been incorporated in Section J of the draft RFP.

Work Scope Requirements: Perform ETS support functions in the following major areas:

Program Management	Planning & Integration	Environmental Safety Health & Quality Assurance	Waste Management	Regulatory Support
Investment Recovery	Nuclear Material Disposition and Safety	Environmental Restoration and Regulatory Compliance	Decontamination & Decommissioning Oversight and Infrastructure Support	Technical & Administrative Support

Evaluation Process: The solicitation will utilize a best value selection process under FAR Part 15. The Technical Evaluation Criteria include: Relevant Past Performance; Key Personnel and Staffing Approach; Technical and Management Approach; and Relevant Company Experience. Cost and Fee will also be evaluated under the best value selection decision. The Technical Evaluation Criteria, when combined, are significantly more important than cost or price.

DOE hereby invites all interested parties to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP and to submit comments in writing via the e-mail address at PORTSETS@emcbc.doe.gov. In particular, DOE is seeking feedback from interested parties on the following:

1. Do barriers exist (DOE imposed or otherwise) that would hinder your firm from participating in this acquisition?
2. If your firm anticipates teaming with one or more subcontractors for the performance of the work, is the $700K dollar threshold for "major or critical subcontractors" reasonable (see Section L.1)?
3. What are the important discriminating factors DOE should consider in making this selection?
4. Does the Draft RFP and the procurement website contain all of the information you need to reasonably estimate the cost of the work detailed in the PWS?
5. What other suggestions do you have?

In addition to requesting that interested parties review the Draft RFP and provide feedback, DOE requests that interested parties review all of the information and/or documentation available on the Portsmouth Environmental Technical Services procurement website (http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/portsmouth%20ets/) and identify any additional historical cost or technical information and/or documentation that would facilitate proposal preparation.

Interested parties will have until July 13, 2012, to submit comments regarding the Draft RFP. DOE will not respond to or post on the procurement website any verbal or written questions or comments pertaining to the Draft RFP. Interested parties will be given the opportunity to submit questions and comments in writing for DOE response once the Final RFP is issued. In developing the Final RFP, DOE may consider some or all of the comments received from interested parties in response to the Draft RFP.

Finally, DOE will conduct a pre-solicitation conference, site-tour and "one-on-one" sessions with interested parties on June 26th and 27th, 2012 at the Portsmouth site near Piketon, OH. Registration instructions for these events may be found on the aforementioned procurement website under the "Site Tours" webpage. Space is limited, so please register early and not later than the date provided in the registration instructions. We look forward to your comments.

Sincerely

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