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Dear Prospective Offerors:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. DE-SOL-0003603 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL SERVICES AT THE PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

This letter hereby serves as the official notice to Prospective Offerors that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC), is releasing Final Request for Proposal (RFP) No. DE-SOL-0003603 for Environmental Technical Services (ETS) at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The RFP can be found on the EMCBC acquisition web site at http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/portsmouth%20ets/. The Government will post any amendments issued to the Final RFP, responses to questions (if required), and other official communications from the Contracting Officer to the EMCBC acquisition web site. Any questions pertaining to the Final RFP should be submitted in writing via the e-mail address at PortsETS@emcbc.doe.gov by 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, September 20, 2012.

Prospective Offerors are encouraged to conduct a thorough review of the Final RFP and to submit any questions pertaining to the Final RFP as early as possible, but no later than the date and time mentioned above to allow for adequate response time to all questions submitted.

Background

On June 19, 2012, DOE issued RFP No. DE-SOL-0003603 in its draft form to provide interested parties with the opportunity to provide DOE feedback on the Draft RFP. On June 26 – June 27, 2012, DOE held a pre-solicitation conference, site tour and one-on-one feedback sessions with interested parties. DOE carefully considered all comments received on the Draft RFP and made changes to the RFP that it believed were necessary.

In addition to general editing changes and other minor changes throughout the RFP, highlighted below are notable changes from the Draft RFP to the Final RFP posted on the acquisition website:

Section C:

- Clarified work scope throughout the PWS, but primarily in the following major scope areas: Scope of Work (C.2), Planning and Integration Support (C.3.3), Waste Management (C.3.5), D & D Oversight and Infrastructure Support (C.3.10), and Technical and Administrative Services (C.3.11)
- Added Security Clearance Requirements and Minimum Labor Qualifications (C.5 and C.12)

Section F:

- Clarified Notice to Proceed requirements. (F.1)
- Clarified Place of Performance. (F.3)

Section H:

- Added the following provisions:
  - Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers. (H.4)
  - Nonsupervision of Contract Employees on Government Facilities. (H.5)
  - Major or Critical Subcontracts - Designation and Consent. (H.13)
  - Transition to Follow-on Contract. (H.25)
- Deleted the following provision:
  - DOE Ombudsman

Section I:

- Added FAR 52.222-46, Evaluation of Compensation For Professional Employees (Feb 1993). (I.46)
- Replaced DEAR 952.223-76 Conditional Payment Of Fee Or Profit – Safeguarding Restricted Data and Other Classified Information and Protection of Worker Safety and Health (Dec 2010) with DEAR 970.5215-3, Conditional Payment of Fee, Profit, and Other Incentives – Facility Management Contracts (Aug 2009) (Alternate II) (Aug 2009)

Section J:

- Updated Deliverables List. (J-3)
- Updated Draft Performance Evaluation Management Plan evaluation criteria to include performance surveillance methods and success criteria. (J-5)
- Added Shared Services and Site Interface Matrix. (J-8)

Section L:

- Revised major or critical subcontractor dollar threshold from $700K to $3M. (L.1)
- Revised Technical Evaluation Criterion 1, Relevant Past Performance, to remove language regarding all DOE EM work being considered relevant and clarified relevancy considerations. (L.3)

- Revised Technical Evaluation Criterion 2, Key Personnel and Staffing Approach, to require proposed staffing plan to address Offeror's approach to comply with security clearances and minimum labor qualifications requirements added to Section C (L.3)
- Deleted Provision Notice of Possible Use of Non-Federal Suppport Personnel (previously L.24)
- Replaced Past Performance Questionnaire (Attachment L-4)
- Updated Historical Service Level Information (Attachment L-8)

Section M:

- Revised Technical Evaluation Criterion 1, Relevant Past Performance, to remove language regarding all DOE EM work being considered relevant and clarified relevancy considerations. (M.4)
- Revised Technical Evaluation Criterion 2, Key Personnel and Staffing Approach, to require proposed staffing plan to address Offeror's approach to comply with security clearances and minimum labor qualifications requirements added to Section C. (M.4)

Notice:

Final RFP posted to the EMCBC acquisition website specifies all of the requirements for the Portsmouth ETS procurement, and any information contained in this cover letter shall not be construed as being part of the Final RFP.

PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS SHALL PREPARE THEIR PROPOSALS BASED SOLELY ON THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE FINAL RFP AND IN ANY ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENTS, IF ISSUED.

In order to further the Government's policy of maximizing electronic commerce, electronic media will be the primary method of communication regarding this procurement. The Final RFP, any amendments issued, responses to questions received from prospective Offerors, and other official communications from the Government will be posted on the EMCBC acquisition.

In accordance with Section L.1(A), Offerors are requested to submit an e-mail Notice of Intent to Offer within 15 days of the date of this solicitation. Failure to provide this advance notification does not preclude an Offeror from submitting an offer under this solicitation. The Government intends to answer any questions pertaining to the Final RFP as thoroughly and efficiently as possible, and we look forward to receiving your proposals.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: RFP DE-SOL-0003603