



Department of Energy

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Re: Draft Request for Proposal, RFP DE-SOL-0007016

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing a Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Operation of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF6) Conversion Facilities procurement. This Draft RFP provides potential offerors with an early view of the project requirements and solicits comments that may enhance the accomplishment of our performance objectives, improve the clarity of the document and facilitate a timely award. The Draft RFP can be found on the Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC) Operation of DUF6 Conversion Facilities procurement website at: <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/> and through FedConnect. This procurement will be conducted on a Full and Open Competition basis using FAR Part 15 procedures.

The activities within the scope of this procurement include, but are not limited to, providing S&M for the DUF6 conversion facilities and associated equipment, operating the conversion facilities to convert the DUF6 from the inventory at Paducah and Portsmouth to uranium oxide at the conversion facilities; reusing, storing, transporting and/or disposing of the DUF6 conversion process end-products; selling the aqueous hydrofluoric acid (AqHF) product; and, providing S&M services for the cylinder storage yards.

DOE hereby invites all interested parties to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP. In particular, DOE is seeking feedback from interested parties on the following:

1. Does the Draft RFP contain any potential restrictive barriers to competition? Do barriers exist (DOE-imposed or otherwise) that would hinder your firm from participating in this acquisition? If so, please identify.
2. What are the important discriminating factors for the Evaluation Criteria that DOE should consider in making this contractor selection?
3. Is the contract type and Section B Contract Line Item Number (CLIN) structure clear? If not, what is unclear and how can these sections be improved?
4. Do the Draft RFP and the procurement website contain all of the information needed to reasonably prepare a proposal, specifically for the firm-fixed-price portion of the work detailed in Section C of the Draft RFP? If not, what additional information is needed to be able to submit a proposal?
5. Are the page limitations included in Section L of the Draft RFP for the Technical Proposal (Volume II) sufficient? If not, please provide input.

6. Would a more extensive site tour of the facilities, be beneficial after release of the final solicitation in order to assist in preparation of the proposal? If so, please indicate which specific facilities or areas you are interested in touring?
7. Do you have any recommended contract incentives in terms of Award Fee for performance under the contract?
8. Do you have any additional suggestions?

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 procurement website and identify any additional reference documentation or information that would facilitate the preparation of proposals.

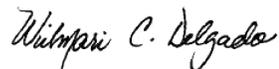
DOE does not anticipate posting responses on the procurement website to any questions or comments pertaining to the Draft RFP; however, DOE will consider comments when preparing the Final RFP. Interested parties will be given the opportunity to submit questions and comments in writing for DOE response once the Final RFP is issued.

DOE hereby invites all interested parties to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP and the accompanying website in their entirety and to submit comments in writing via the email address DUF6@emcbc.doe.gov . All comments pertaining to this Draft RFP are due by May 4, 2015. All comments shall be submitted in the Microsoft Excel format provided, separated by RFP section. Please do not make any changes to the Microsoft Excel formatting with the exception of adding rows as needed.

Additionally, DOE will be conducting a Pre-Solicitation Conference, a Site Tour, and One-on-One sessions with interested parties during the week of April 27, 2015. Instructions for requesting attendance to these events will be posted on the Operation of DUF6 Conversion Facilities procurement website at: <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/>

THIS IS A DRAFT RFP. PROPOSALS SHALL NOT BE SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS DRAFT RFP. A FINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WILL BE RELEASED AT A LATER DATE. THE FINAL RFP, WHEN RELEASED, MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT BASED ON CHANGES MADE IN RESPONSE TO INDUSTRY FEEDBACK.

Sincerely,



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