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To: Prospective Offerors

### **FINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. DE-SOL-0007016 FOR OPERATION OF DEPLETED URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE (DUF6) CONVERSION FACILITIES**

This letter hereby serves as the official notice to prospective contractors that the Department of Energy (DOE) is releasing the Final Request for Proposal (RFP) No. DE-SOL-0007016 for the Operation of Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF6) Conversion Facilities at Paducah, Kentucky and Portsmouth, Ohio procurement through its Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC). The date set for Receipt of Proposals is November 6, 2015. The Final RFP can be found on the EMCBC acquisition web site at <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/DUF6/>. Any questions pertaining to the Final RFP should be submitted in writing to [DUF6@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:DUF6@emcbc.doe.gov) by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on October 8, 2015. Prospective Offerors shall use the enclosed "Industry Comment Template" when submitting any questions. DOE will post any amendments issued to the Final RFP, responses to questions, and other official communications from the Contracting Officer on the EMCBC acquisition web site. Prospective contractors are encouraged to conduct a thorough review of the Final RFP and submit any questions pertaining to the Final RFP as early as possible, but no later than the date and time shown above to allow for adequate response time to all questions submitted.

Site tours re tentatively scheduled for the week of September 21, at both the Paducah and the Portsmouth facilities. Registration information regarding the site tour will be posted to the EMCBC acquisition web site soon.

### **Background**

On April 1, 2015, DOE issued RFP No. DE-SOL-0007016 in its draft form to facilitate the understanding of the Government's requirements with interested contractors, and to provide them the opportunity to submit comments and provide feedback pertaining to the Draft RFP. During the week of April 27, 2015, DOE held a pre-solicitation conference, site tour, and one-on-one sessions with interested contractors. Additional extensive tours of the facilities were conducted on the week of July 6, 2015. DOE carefully considered all comments received on the Draft RFP and made changes to the RFP that it believed were necessary.

This cover letter provides a summary level description of the notable changes that have been made from the Draft RFP issued on April 1, 2015 to the Final RFP; however the Final RFP posted on the EMCBC acquisition web site specifies all of the requirements for the Operation of DUF6 Conversion Facilities procurement. Any information contained in this cover letter shall not be construed as being part of the Final RFP. Prospective contractors shall prepare their proposals based solely on the requirements specified in the Final RFP and in any accompanying amendments, if issued.

### **Notable Changes from the Draft RFP**

In addition to general editing changes and other minor changes throughout the Final RFP, highlighted below are notable changes from the Draft RFP package to the Final RFP package.

#### **Section B:**

The contract terms were adjusted from a three-year base and three, one-year option periods in the Draft RFP to a five year Period of Performance in the Final RFP. This adjustment resulted in a corresponding change to the contract line item number (CLIN) structure in Section B.2, Contract Cost, Award Fee and Price Schedule, as well as Section F.3, Period of Performance.

The Estimated Costs on Section B. 2 (d) are now included.

Section B.3 Fee Determination and Payment – CLIN 0002 has been revised based on feedback received from industry.

Section B.6 Funding Profile has been revised.

Section B.9 Small Business Subcontracting Fee Reduction has been added.

Section B.10 Fee Reductions had been added.

#### **Section C:**

Various updates were made to multiple elements of the Performance Work Statement (PWS) scope based on contractor feedback from the Draft RFP to clarify specific details. The majority of these changes impacted the following PWS sections:

- C.4.12
- C.5 Plant Modifications
- C.6.3, Conversion Product Management
- C.6.6 Regulatory Management
- C.6.7 Integrated Safety Management
- C.6.10 Quality Assurance Program
- C.6.11 Engineering

- C.6.14 6.14 Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure
- C.6.15 Cybersecurity
- C.8 Related Services

## **Section H:**

The Final RFP includes the H clauses related to Contractor Human Resources, including:

- H.3, Definitions
- H.4, Hiring Preferences
- H.5, DOE-H-1002 Employee Compensation: Pay and Benefit
- H.6, Special Provisions Applicable to Workforce Transition and Employee Compensation: Pay and Benefits
- H.7 Workforce Transition and Benefits Transition: Plans and Timeframes
- H.8, Post Contract Responsibilities for Pension and Other Benefit Plans for Which DOE Reimburses Costs
- H.9, Labor Relations
- H.10, Workforce Restructuring
- H.11, Labor Standards

Updated DOE Corporate Clauses have been included.

Clause H.54 Integrated Contractor Work Control Systems and Reporting Requirements has been included.

## **Section J:**

The Final RFP includes the following Section J attachments, which were not included in the Draft RFP:

- J-5b Wage Determination under the Service Contract Labor Standards Portsmouth
- J-6a Wage Determination Requirements (Construction) - Paducah
- J-6b Wage Determination Requirements (Construction) - Portsmouth
- J-7a Wage Determination Collective Bargaining Agreement- Paducah
- J-7b Wage Determination Collective Bargaining Agreement-Portsmouth
- J-12 Contract Security Classification Specification (CSCS) Form
- J-13 Performance Evaluation and Measurement Plan [DRAFT] PDF
- J-14 Selected NARA Requirements
- J-15 Integrated Contractor Work Control Systems and Reporting Requirements
- J-16 Government Furnished Equipment

## Sections L and M:

Necessary “TBD” placeholders for specific dates were updated within various Section L provisions.

The major subcontractor definition increased from \$10 million to \$30 million under Section L.21, Proposal Preparation Instructions – General.

Section L.23, Proposal Preparation Instructions – Volume II: Technical Proposal, was revised in various places based on feedback received.

Section L.24, Proposal Preparation Instructions – Volume III: Cost, Price and Fee Proposal is now included.

Attachment L-6, Labor Categories and Full-Time Equivalents, was updated to reflect the three-year base period and two-year option period included in the Final RFP.

Attachment L-8, L-9 and L-10 are now included.

Section M.4 Technical Evaluation Factors/Criteria was revised in order to match changes made in Section L.23.

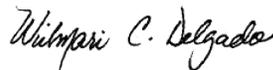
Section M.5 Cost, Price and Evaluation Criteria was revised in order to match Section L.24.

## Notice:

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 contractors, and other official communications from the Government will be posted on the EMCBC acquisition web site. Prospective contractors shall be responsible for reviewing the acquisition web site regularly for information, notices, and updates regarding the Final RFP.

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 in response to the Final RFP.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Industry Comment Template