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To: Interested Parties

### **SAVANNAH RIVER SITE (SRS) LIQUID WASTE SERVICES – PRE-SOLICITATION NOTICE**

This letter hereby requests review and comment from all interested parties of the Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) No. DE-SOL-0008913 pertaining to the SRS Liquid Waste Services procurement and provides a summary of the salient elements of the Draft RFP. The Draft RFP is being issued for informational purposes to assist the Department of Energy (DOE) in developing a Final RFP for this procurement. The Final RFP for this procurement is currently anticipated to be issued by June 30, 2016.

**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, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED TO BE ISSUED BY JUNE 30, 2016.**

DOE hereby invites all interested parties to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP and the accompanying procurement website (<https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/SRSLiquidWaste/>) in their entirety and to submit comments in writing via the following email address: [SRSLiquidWaste@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:SRSLiquidWaste@emcbc.doe.gov). The Draft RFP is subject to change in the development of the Final RFP as a result of DOE's consideration of the comments received from interested parties in response to 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?
2. Does your company have any input regarding the relative importance of the Evaluation Factors that DOE should consider in making this Contractor selection?
3. Are the Section B cost and fee structure and Section L pricing instructions clear to potential offerors? If not, what is unclear and how can these sections be improved?

- Additionally, DOE is specifically interested in feedback regarding costing as related to the offeror's WBS in accordance with Section L.17(b).
4. With regard to the Section B fee structure, DOE is specifically interested in feedback for the Target Activity PBI fee structure in terms of functionality, relationship to Contract requirements, weightings, and overall fee percentages.
  5. With regard to the Section C requirements for salt waste processing, bulk waste removal, and tank closures, DOE is specifically interested in feedback regarding the quantities in relation to the funding profile included in Section L.
  6. Is the requirement in Section C clear for the integration of the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) into the liquid waste system, followed by the turnover and responsibility for SWPF operations?
  7. Is the requirement in Section C for Saltstone Disposal Unit (SDU) construction clear, as well as the corresponding assumptions in Section L for construction of each SDU?
  8. Are there any additional specific technical or programmatic documents and information that you think would be helpful to be posted to the EMCBC Acquisition website's documents library in order to assist in preparation of proposals? If so, please indicate which specific documents and information you are interested in seeing posted to the EMCBC Acquisition website's documents library.
  9. Are the Section H workforce transition and hiring clauses clear to potential offerors? If not, what is unclear and how can these clauses be improved?
  10. Is the Self-Performed Work clause in Section H clear and do you have any concerns with being able to meet the stated percentages? Also, is the definition of meaningful work clear?
  11. Are the page limitations included in Section L of the Draft RFP for the Technical and Management Proposal (Volume II) sufficient? If not, please provide input.
  12. With regard to subcontractors, DOE is specifically interested in feedback related to the threshold of \$500 million for inclusion of named subcontractors in the proposal submission.
  13. Does the Draft RFP and the procurement website contain all of the information needed to reasonably prepare a proposal for the work detailed in Section C and corresponding exhibits of the Draft RFP? If not, what additional information (e.g., technical requirements, historical data, etc.) is needed to be able to submit a proposal?
  14. Would your company see benefit in an additional site tour after release of the Final RFP? If so, what additional facilities would you be interested in seeing?
  15. Does your company have any input regarding the inclusion of DOE-H-2015, Separate Corporate Entity, in the Draft RFP?
  16. What type of Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) issues would your company or potential team identify, if any, should you choose to submit a proposal, and does your company foresee any OCI issues associated with the Draft RFP that would cause you to decide not to submit a proposal?
  17. Do you have any additional suggestions?

Interested parties will have until April 29, 2016, to submit comments regarding the Draft RFP. All comments shall be submitted in the Microsoft Excel format provided on the procurement website, and separated by RFP section. Please do not make any changes to the Microsoft Excel formatting with the exception of adding rows as needed. DOE will not respond to or post on the

procurement website, any verbal or written 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.

After the Final RFP is issued and proposals are received in response to the Final RFP, DOE intends to award a contract on the basis of best value to the Government.

Additionally, DOE values both community commitment and small business participation within this Contract. Related to community commitment, the Draft RFP includes the DOE-H-2045 Contractor Community Commitment clause in Section H, the Community Commitment Plan will become part of the Contract as an attachment to Section J, and the Contractor's community commitments will be part of an Executive Summary of its proposal to be released on its public website after award. Related to small business participation, DOE's intent is to include a relatively high threshold for named subcontractors in the proposal submission (i.e., \$500M in the Draft RFP). DOE believes this will result in fewer pre-identified subcontractors, thereby allowing for significantly more competitive subcontracting opportunities after Contract award for discrete and meaningful scopes to be performed in accordance with the Contractor's Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Section J attachment) and the Self-Performed Work clause in Section H. Additionally, Section B.11 specifically calls for fee reductions if the Contractor fails to meet the small business subcontracting goals, or fails to provide meaningful involvement for small businesses.

Savannah River Remediation LLC (Contract DE-AC09-09SR22505) is currently performing the services listed in the Draft RFP for DOE at this time, with the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) construction (including one year of hot operations) being performed by Parsons Infrastructure & Technology Group, Inc. (Contract DE-AC09-02SR22210). The SRS Liquid Waste Services procurement encompasses operations of existing radioactive liquid waste facilities for storage, treatment, stabilization, and disposal of waste; waste removal from tanks and tank closures; construction of additional saltstone disposal units; operation of the SWPF after facility commissioning, startup, and one year of operation; and liquid waste program and regulatory support. The work will be performed at SRS near Aiken, South Carolina.

Sincerely,



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