

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)/ SOURCES SOUGHT

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Title: Savannah River Site Liquid Waste Requirement

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY. No solicitation is available. This RFI/Sources Sought is released pursuant to FAR 15.201(e), Exchanges with Industry, for the purpose of conducting market research.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Environmental Management (EM), is currently in the acquisition planning stage for the liquid waste requirement at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The services to be acquired will be performed at SRS, a 310 square mile (198,344 acres) site that is located in the sand-hills region of South Carolina. SRS encompasses parts of Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale counties and is bordered on the west by the Savannah River and Georgia.

The purpose of this RFI/Sources Sought is to solicit input via capability statements from interested parties with the specialized capabilities necessary to perform the major Elements of Scope for the SRS liquid waste requirement. The current liquid waste contract at SRS expires on June 30, 2017.

Within these capability statements, DOE is seeking feedback from contractors and other interested parties regarding options for innovative approaches for the performance of the major Elements of Scope as well as insight into potential contracting alternatives. This market research will assist DOE with identifying interested and capable sources and developing its acquisition strategy. Key market research goals include identifying and minimizing barriers to competition, evaluating small business capabilities, identifying risks, identifying potential requirements definition and contract alternatives, and identifying appropriate terms and conditions.

An Industry Day will be announced and held in the near future.

The DOE EMCBC has created a procurement website where additional information is provided which may be viewed at:

<https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/SRSLiquidWaste/>

The anticipated type of contract(s), period of performance, amount of funding, and small business participation opportunities are yet to be determined. Due to the preliminary stage of this planning activity, there is no Performance Work Statement available at this time. The major Elements of Scope include, but are not limited to:

- Liquid Waste Stabilization and Disposition:
 - Base Operations of Facilities:
 - Liquid waste storage tanks, evaporators, transfer lines, and associated equipment/facilities
 - Defense Waste Processing Facility

- Glass Waste Storage Buildings
- Saltstone Production Facility
- Saltstone Disposal Units
- Waste Removal from Tanks and Tank Closures
- Construction of additional Saltstone Disposal Units
- Operation of the Salt Waste Processing Facility after facility commissioning, startup, and one year of initial operation
- Liquid Waste Program Support

DOE is also seeking to determine whether or not the full requirement can be set-aside for small businesses, 8(a) small business, small disadvantaged business, economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses, women-owned small businesses, HUBZone small businesses, veteran-owned small businesses, or service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. Small businesses believing that they have the capability to perform all of the work in the respective major Elements of Scope are welcome to demonstrate their capabilities. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this requirement is anticipated to be 562910, Remediation Services, and the small business size standard is 500 employees.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A COMMITMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT AT THIS TIME.

All interested parties are hereby invited to submit a capability statement of no more than 15 pages, and no smaller than 12 point font. Also, electronic file submissions must be less than 20 Megabytes. The Government will evaluate each capability statement based on the interested party's demonstrated qualifications, capabilities, expertise, experience and past performance in each of the areas of expertise. More specifically, capability statements should include the following information as appropriate and as applicable:

- 1) Describe your ability and experience performing the major Elements of Scope identified above. Identify all DOE, other Government, or other commercial experience relevant to this sources sought (include contract number, role in the effort (i.e., prime contractor or subcontractor), date, scope, duration, client, and contracting agency contact).
- 2) Identify any performance challenges and risks in meeting the requirements discussed in the major Elements of Scope. Identify how your organization would minimize any risks such that there is reasonable assurance of successful performance.
- 3) Discuss your company and/or teaming arrangement's experience in management and integrating the major Elements of Scope under a single contact. Also describe your experience in managing and integrating the work of subcontractors who would perform specialty functions. Further, provide input regarding ways to identify meaningful work to be accomplished by small businesses.
- 4) Describe your experience in a complex regulatory environment in respect to problem-solving, working with various stakeholders, Citizens Advisory Boards, and regulatory agencies at the state and federal level.

- 5) This work will be conducted throughout multiple complexes and facilities within SRS and will require interfaces with multiple other site contractors. Discuss your experience regarding such interfaces.
- 6) Discuss your experience in implementation of environmental, safety and health plans related to your (and any teaming partners) work on DOE sites with large industrial and nuclear facilities. This discussion should address your approach to addressing requirements under 10 CFR 830 and 10 CFR 835 related to Nuclear Safety, Quality, and Occupational Radiological Protection; 10 CFR 851 Worker Safety and Health; Work Control Program, DOE Order 414 and Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS).
- 7) Discuss your project management/project control system you would utilize for the scope of work. Please be prepared to provide information on the project control system you currently utilize for your company and how it will be tailored for this effort.
- 8) It is anticipated the prospective contractor(s) will be required to participate in the multi-employer pension and welfare benefits plans for the existing workforce covered by such plans while performing the requirements of the anticipated contract. Please describe your experience in establishing and managing a multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. Additionally, please briefly describe your approach to establishing and maintaining a complicated pension and welfare (including Pension, Post-Retirement Benefits and severance) benefit plans as well as your ability to obtain the expertise to establish and manage such plans. Your approach should include how it has or will obtain access to expertise regarding compliance with Internal Revenue Service qualification requirements for multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans.
- 9) DOE anticipates that portions of the major Elements of Scope may be fixed price. Please provide input on which major Elements of Scope could be fixed price and identify the information required from DOE to support development of a fixed price proposal for each major Element of Scope.
- 10) Provide input and rationale to DOE on the optimal base period of performance for the prospective procurement. Highlight any factors that would make competing for these contracts desirable or undesirable for your firm, including input on proposal evaluation criteria. Discuss any issues the Contracting Officer should consider when developing the solicitation for this requirement.

Interested parties are requested to provide name of firm, point of contact, phone number, address of firm, CAGE Code, and/or a DUNS Number(s) used over the past 5 years. Small business teams or joint ventures shall identify the socio-economic status of each member and shall provide a description of the work that each member would perform under a contract.

DOE reserves the right to use any and all information submitted by, or obtained from, an interested party in any manner DOE determines is appropriate, including, but not limited to, the creation of a competitive solicitation. An interested party should avoid including any classified, business confidential, and/or proprietary information in its response. However, if an interested

party must submit such information, the information must be clearly marked accordingly, and the interested party must provide sufficient justification as to why such information is business confidential and/or proprietary. DOE will review said information and safeguard it appropriately.

The Government will not pay for any information that is provided in response to this announcement nor will it compensate any respondents for the development of such information. All capability statements and questions pertaining to this announcement shall be submitted electronically to SRSLiquidWaste@emcbc.doe.gov no later than October 21, 2015. DOE personnel may contact firms responding to this announcement to clarify a responder's capabilities and other matters as part of this market research process.

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