

United States Department of Energy
Synopsis
Carlsbad Field Office Technical Assistance Services Procurement
April 23, 2020

This notice is a presolicitation notice (*see* FAR Subpart 5.2) for the DOE's Carlsbad Field Office Technical Assistance Contract (CTAC) Procurement.

Within 15 to 60 days from the date that this notice is published, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) anticipates the issuance of the Final Request for Proposals (RFP) for the CTAC Procurement supporting the DOE's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) in southeastern New Mexico. The RFP number is expected to be 89303320REM000073. (This procurement was the subject of DOE Request for Information 89303319NEM000022, released on August 19, 2019.)

CBFO is responsible for ensuring safe and efficient characterization and certification of Transuranic (TRU) waste at DOE sites and the transportation activities associated with TRU waste. CBFO oversees the management and operations of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and is directly responsible for the management and integration of the National Transuranic Waste Program (NTP). The NTP includes all DOE TRU waste sites, including the WIPP site.

WIPP is a deep geologic repository and the final disposal destination for 6.2 million cubic feet of defense-related TRU waste from DOE generator sites around the country. WIPP's mission is to safely characterize, transport, and dispose of radioactive waste resulting from five decades of nuclear weapon production and government-sponsored nuclear energy research.

The CBFO administers the management and operations (M&O) contract for the WIPP site, as well as other contracts supporting the WIPP and the NTP in accordance with applicable safety, health, security, and environmental standards, laws, and regulations and other DOE directives. The CBFO plans and manages related functions including, but not limited to, modeling and experimental efforts in support of compliance recertification; TRU waste characterization and certification processes; program planning, scheduling, and budgeting; and coordination of all WIPP activities for program participants.

To support its mission, the CBFO requires a contractor to provide expert technical advice and assistance in the following areas—

- WIPP waste acceptance,
- chemical compatibility and acceptable knowledge,
- audits and assessments,
- security,
- program management,
- project management,
- mining engineering,
- construction management,
- WIPP site operations,
- environmental and regulatory compliance,

- nuclear and industrial safety,
- scientific and international programs,
- TRU waste characterization and certification,
- TRU waste transportation and packaging,
- general business operations,
- information technology,
- document control, and
- executive management support.

Audit and assessment activities will include review of: CBFO's NTP waste generator site certification programs, the WIPP M&O Contractor, Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory-Carlsbad, the TRU waste transportation contractor(s), the CBFO itself, and other CBFO program participants. The Contractor ultimately supports the CBFO, NTP, and WIPP in ensuring that all applicable federal and state codes and standards are met and all procedures and activities are in compliance with DOE quality assurance (QA), safety, health, security, and environmental requirements.

The new contract resulting from this acquisition will replace the incumbent CTAC Contract, DE-EM0004007, which is expected to expire in December 2020.

This procurement will be a total small business set-aside. The Government does not intend to acquire a commercial item/service under FAR Part 12. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this requirement is code 562910, Environmental Remediation Services, with a size standard of 750 employees.

A dedicated webpage has been established for this procurement. All news/announcements, documents (including the Final RFP), questions/answers, any pre-proposal conference and/or site tour information, and related links will be posted to the following webpage:

<https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/CBFO-TAC>

The Final RFP will also be posted to the Fedconnect website at: www.fedconnect.net.

Contracting Office Address:

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Cincinnati, OH 45202

Place of Performance:

These assistance services will primarily be performed at CBFO's office in Carlsbad, NM and the WIPP site, which is approximately 26 miles east of Carlsbad. Some work may be capable of being performed remotely from the contractor's facility, the worker's home, or elsewhere. Some positions may be expected to travel.

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