

SOURCES SOUGHT / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Title: Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project, Remedial Action Contract (“Moab RAC”)

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THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR QUOTE OR PROPOSAL. THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY.

No solicitation is available. This RFI is released pursuant to FAR 15.201(e), *Exchanges with industry before receipt of proposals*, and is issued for market research purposes.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) is currently in the acquisition planning stage for the potential contract award to complete the UMTRA Project’s remedial action at the DOE Moab Site in eastern Utah. This contract is intended to align with the current EM End State Contract Model; however, the final contract type, period of performance, amount of funding, and set-aside possibilities will be determined through the acquisition planning process and this market research. DOE is seeking innovative End State approaches for completing remedial action in a safe, compliant, and efficient manner resulting in an accelerated reduction of risk and environmental liability. The current Moab RAC contractor is North Wind Portage, Inc.; the contract expires after September 2021, and the link to the contract is: <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/About/PrimeContracts>. Viewing this contract should help interested parties tie this RFI’s attached Performance Work Statement (PWS) draft to its referenced attachments, located in Section J of the current contract.

This RFI solicits input via capability statements from interested parties with the specialized capabilities necessary to meet all or part of the attached draft PWS for the upcoming competitive procurement of the Moab RAC requirements. 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.

The DOE EM Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC) has created a procurement website where additional information about this acquisition will be provided and can be viewed at <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/MoabRAC>. Information posted on the procurement website will be updated as it becomes available; therefore, interested parties should monitor the procurement website for additional information. DOE will not post industry’s verbal or written questions or comments pertaining to this RFI package.

DOE is also seeking to determine whether or not the full requirement or part of the requirement can be set-aside for small businesses; 8(a) small businesses; small disadvantaged businesses; 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 or a portion of work in the respective draft PWS, are welcome to demonstrate their capabilities by submitting a capability statement in accordance with the instructions below. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code for this requirement is 562910, Environmental Remediation Services, and the small business size standard is 750 employees.

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. DOE will evaluate each capability statement based on the interested parties' (and that of teaming partners when applicable) demonstrated qualifications, capabilities, expertise and past performance in the current PWS. Capability statements should include the following information as appropriate and as applicable:

- 1) Describe your ability, approach (including rationale) and experience in performing all or a portion of the elements in the current PWS over the past 5 years. Identify no more than five (5) DOE, other Government, and/or other commercial work references relevant to this RFI [include contract number, role in the effort (i.e., prime contractor or subcontractor), period of performance, dollar value, scope, client, and contracting agency contact information].
- 2) Identify any performance and/or technical challenges and risks in meeting the requirements discussed in the current PWS. Identify how your organization would minimize any risks to maximize the probability of successful performance. Especially focus your input on resolving the risks to sequencing Moab's requirements with a strategic mindset toward early completion. DOE is interested in cutting-edge thinking, innovativeness, and other ways for DOE to maximize the probability of successfully and safely performing the work through technology, including through commercial items at the subcontract level.
- 3) Discuss your company and/or teaming arrangement's experience managing and integrating requirements similar to the current PWS under a fixed-price contract, to ensure the most efficient overall approach to achieving completion of the Moab UMTRA Project. Also, describe your relevant work managing and integrating the work of subcontractors who would perform specialty functions.
- 4) Describe your relevant work experience in a complex regulatory environment with respect to problem-solving, working with various stakeholders, Citizen Advisory Groups, and regulatory agencies at the state and federal level.
- 5) Describe your ability to obtain the expertise and your relevant work experience in sponsorship, management and administration of a defined contribution plan and health and welfare benefit plans. Discuss your company's and/or teaming arrangement's relevant work in compliance with the 40 U.S.C. chapter 31, subchapter IV, Wage Rate Requirements (Construction), formerly known as the Davis-Bacon Act, and/or with 41 U.S.C. chapter 67, Service Contract Labor Standards (formerly known as the Service Contract Act of 1965).

- 6) Provide input and rationale to DOE on the optimal period of performance for the prospective procurement. Discuss any issues the Contracting Officer should consider when developing the solicitation for this requirement. Identify and describe any areas in the current PWS that seem to be missing, or in need of clarification/revision.
- 7) As previously stated, DOE is seeking innovative End State solutions to reduce environmental risk and environmental financial liability by providing for accelerated cleanup. Provide input and ideas regarding methods through which a contracting approach with a sense of urgency could be effectively implemented in order to incentivize the contractor to achieve this accelerated cleanup. Highlight any features that would make competing for this contract desirable or undesirable for your firm. Be as specific as possible and especially focus your input on desired contract terms and conditions, such as number of awardees, guaranteed contract minimums, contract financing, severability of tasks (affecting invoice basis), line item structure (including contract type), performance-based service acquisition methods, contract incentives that would motivate early completion (e.g., Firm-Fixed Price delivery incentives), and what current requirements, regulations, or EM-/Moab-specific norms you believe are a hindrance to accelerated cleanup.
- 8) Identify any Organizational Conflicts of Interest (OCI) concerns and/or known potential OCIs that you or your teaming partners may have pertaining to the work described in this RFI.

Interested parties are requested to provide the name of the firm, or firms if a teaming arrangement is being contemplated, point of contact, phone number, address of firm, DUNS Number, and/or CAGE Code used over the past five years for the prime and each contemplated teaming partner. Small business teams or joint ventures shall identify the socio-economic status of each member and shall provide the capabilities of each member, as well as a description of the work that each member would perform under a contract, keeping in mind the requirements of FAR Clause 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (if any portion of the effort is to be set-aside for small businesses). Please identify as one or more of the following under NAICS Code 562910, Environmental Remediation Services: 1) small business, 2) 8(a) small business (including graduation date), 3) small disadvantaged business, 4) economically disadvantaged women-owned small business, 5) woman-owned small business, 6) veteran-owned small business, 7) service-disabled, veteran-owned small business, 8) HUBZone small business, or 9) large business.

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 information in its response. If an interested party submits business confidential and/or proprietary information, it 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 MoabRAC@emcbc.doe.gov no later than 12:00p.m. Eastern Time on November 19, 2019. Any questions pertaining to the announcement should also be directed to the same e-mail address MoabRAC@emcbc.doe.gov or by phone to the Contracting Officer. 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.

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.

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Attachment:
Moab RAC Draft PWS