

EPA “Sources Sought” Notice

This is a Request for Information only. The purpose of this “Sources Sought” notice is to determine the interest and feasibility of small business set-asides for the “Expanding the Industry Base” Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA) previously [synopsized](#).

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) desires responses to this notice from all types of small businesses including small disadvantaged businesses, 8(a) businesses, woman-owned small businesses, hubzone businesses, service disabled veteran owned small businesses, and other socioeconomic groups addressed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

In its earlier [synopsis](#), EPA outlined its intention to establish one BPA per each of the ten EPA regions to provide supplemental emergency response support services to its respective region. These support services include the following areas of expertise:

Archaeologist, PhD;	Underwater/Diving/Salvage Expertise
Geologist, PhD;	Chemical Analytical Technology Expertise;
Hydro-geologist, PhD;	Chemical Engineer;
Historical/Cultural Property Expertise;	Certified Health Physicist (Radiological health and Safety expert);
Architectural Engineer;	Asbestos Health Expert (Toxicologist or MD);
Aviation Services (Intra-city transport services, over-flight services, helicopter transport service);	Certified Industrial Hygienist;
Telecommunication Technology Expertise;	Masters of Public Health (MPH);
Data Quality Assurance Expertise;	Oncologist (MD);
Inventory Management Hardware and Software Expertise;	Veterinary Expertise;
GIS Mapping Expertise;	Inorganic Chemist;
Accountants w/CPA;	Metallurgist;
Biostatistics Expertise;	Epidemiologist, PhD;
Meteorologist, PhD;	Toxicologist, PhD;
Ventilation Engineer;	Microbiologist;
Air Modeling Expertise;	Biological Warfare Expertise;
Air Monitoring Expertise;	Chemical Warfare Technology Expertise;
Water Modeling Expertise;	Risk Assessment Expertise;
Water Monitoring Expertise;	Nuclear Waste Expertise; and
Waterways Expertise (tides, boats, waterways etc.);	Nuclear Weapons Expertise.

EPA intends for these BPAs to provide emergency back-up professional services only. The EPA envisions a fixed rate structure for each BPA with line items for each area of expertise and associated fixed hourly rates for each line item.

All services shall be performed in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (also known as CERCLA or Superfund) as

amended, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, and other environmental statutes. The contractor(s) will provide services to support emergency response activities related to the release or threat of release of oil, petroleum products, hazardous substances, weapons of mass destruction, or pollutants and contaminants that pose an actual or potential threat to human health or welfare or to the environment.

All experts must have the appropriate education, certification, and training (e.g., HAZWOPER 40 hours of training and necessary annual 8 hour refresher training). The North American Classification Standard (NAICS) code for this requirement is 562910.

It is the Government's intent to award BPAs for Regions 1, 2, and 3 (see <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/locate2.htm> for definitions of regions) around January 2006, to be effective for a period of five years after date of award.

Each purchase order issued under the BPAs may have a ceiling of up to \$5 million.

The Government may make multiple awards for the same and different line items, some of which may be set-aside for small business concerns, 8(a) businesses, or other socioeconomic groups.

All interested concerns capable of providing one or more of the services listed above should send, by October 12, 2005 a *brief* qualification/capability statement.

Qualifications/capabilities statements should include:

- Services (from the list above) that the firm can provide
- Relevant qualifications of personnel
- Brief (no more than 3 pages total) discussion of relevant emergency response experience and demonstrated ability for quick response.
- Number of personnel available

Please include company name, point of contact, and address and indicate the type of business (e.g., large business, small business, 8(a), woman owned, hubzone, service disabled veteran owned, etc.). Please email responses to the point of contact below.

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