

Synopsis

Blanket Purchase Agreement for Emergency Response Support Services

The purpose of this synopsis is to notify potential vendors of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Acquisition Management's (EPA) intent to issue Blanket Purchase Agreement(s) (BPAs) as described below. This synopsis replaces all previous synopses.

The EPA intends to establish one or more BPAs for additional emergency response support services that will be accessible by each of the ten EPA regions to supplement existing emergency response efforts. A BPA may cover any or all of the following areas of expertise:

Archaeological Expertise;
Geologist, PhD;
Hydro-geologist, PhD;
Historical/Cultural Property Expertise;
Architectural Engineer;
Aviation Services (Intra-city transport services, over-flight services, helicopter transport services);
Telecommunication Technology Expertise;
Data Quality Assurance Expertise;
Inventory Management Hardware and Software Expertise;
GIS Mapping Expertise;
Accountants w/CPA;
Biostatistics Expertise;
Meteorologist, PhD;
Ventilation Engineer;
Air Modeling Expertise;
Air Monitoring Expertise;
Water Modeling Expertise;
Water Monitoring Expertise;
Waterways Expertise (tides, boats, waterways etc.);

Underwater/Diving/Salvage Expertise
Chemical Analytical Technology Expertise;
Chemical Engineer;
Certified Health Physicist (Radiological health and Safety expert);
Asbestos Health Expert (Toxicologist or MD);
Certified Industrial Hygienist;
Masters of Public Health (MPH);
Oncologist (MD);
Veterinary Expertise;
Inorganic Chemist;
Metallurgist;
Epidemiologist, PhD;
Toxicologist, PhD;
Microbiologist;
Biological Warfare Expertise;
Chemical Warfare Technology Expertise;
Risk Assessment Expertise;
Nuclear Waste Expertise; and
Nuclear Weapons Expertise.

EPA intends for the BPA(s) to provide emergency back-up professional services for the Agency's already existing emergency response contracts. 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. The government may make multiple awards for each area of expertise.

A vendor does not need to be able to provide all the aforementioned services in order to be eligible for award of one or more line items. To determine if there should be small business set asides for any of the line items, the EPA will post a sources sought notice.

All experts must have the appropriate education, certification, and training (e.g., HAZWOPER 40 hours of training and necessary annual 8 hour refresher training). These 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.

Each purchase order issued under the BPA(s) may have a ceiling of up to \$5 million. The Government intends to release the RFQ no earlier than 30 days after this notice. The Government plans to award the BPA(s) around April 2006, to be effective for five years after date of award. Information about the BPAs can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/etib/>. The North American Classification Standard (NAICS) code for this requirement is 562910.

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