

## **PHILIS SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE**

This is NOT a solicitation announcement. This is a Sources Sought Notice only. The purpose of this sources sought synopsis is to gain knowledge of potential qualified sources and their size classifications (Service Disabled Veteran-Owned, Veteran-Owned Small Business, Women-Owned Small Business, HubZone 8(a), 8(a), HubZone, Small Business, Emerging Small Business, Small Disadvantage Business (SDB), and Large Business) relative to NAICS code 541380 (size standard of \$5 Million) Testing Laboratories. Responses to this sources sought notice shall not constitute responses to solicitation, which is not currently available. As stipulated in FAR 15.201, responses to this notice are not considered offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. No solicitation exists; therefore, do not request a copy of the solicitation.

The decision to solicit for a contract shall be solely the Government's discretion. This sources sought notice is not to be construed as a commitment by the Government, nor will the Government pay for the information submitted in response. Respondents will not be notified of the results of any government assessments. The information received will be utilized to assist in formulating the strategy for competitive procurements.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The intent of this notice is 1) to gather industry, especially small business (including 8(a), HUBZone, small disadvantaged business, service disabled veteran-owned small business and women-owned small business) input for EPA's Portable High-Throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification Systems (PHILIS).

EPA is seeking viable business sources (in particular small businesses) to provide maintenance and operations of three diversely located PHILIS mobile laboratories. The PHILIS provides on-site mobile laboratory capabilities to support EPA's Environmental Response Laboratory Network (ERLN) to detect and respond to Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAs) and Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TICs), as well as any supplementary locations that are deemed fundamental to accomplishing EPA's mission.

In addition, the PHILIS may participate in EPA exercises, inter-agency exercises, transboundary activities in foreign countries; and may be deployed to Superfund sites to perform environmental analysis at the request of EPA Regional Offices. The PHILIS shall be utilized at their base of operations or at sites of interest to EPA to analyze routine and non-routine analytical samples. The PHILIS may also support EPA's training efforts for the Laboratory Response Corps (LRC), perform method validation and development. The LRC personnel trained on the PHILIS would then supplement PHILIS personnel requirements at time of need.

### **CAPABILITY STATEMENT:**

To maximize the potential opportunity for small business participation in the acquisition, the government is seeking input from the small business community regarding their interest and capability in performing some or all of the tasks reflected in the draft PWS. The Government requests demonstration of capability by interested parties through submittal of a brief capability statement. The government will evaluate the qualification of interested parties based on their response regarding capability per the draft PWS.

All capability statements should:

1. Not exceed and will be restricted up to eight (8) pages.
2. Shall be electronically submitted to the email address below.
3. Include small business classification(s): (small business, 8(a), HUBZone, Small Disadvantaged business, Small Disadvantaged Veteran Owned business, and Women Owned business) in your submission.
4. List references and experience in conducting similar projects for the past 3 years.

The Government intends to consider all comments and the responsive qualification packages when developing its final acquisition strategy and resulting RFP(s). The North American Industry Classification Standard (NAICS) code for this requirement is 541380 - Testing Laboratories, which comprises establishments primarily engaged in performing physical, chemical, and other analytical testing services, such as acoustics or vibration testing, assaying, biological testing (except medical and veterinary), calibration testing, electrical and electronic testing, geotechnical testing, mechanical testing, nondestructive testing, or thermal testing. The testing may occur in a laboratory or on-site.

The synopsis, amendments and other information related to this sources sought as well as any subsequent procurement notifications will be posted on FedBizOpps and EPA's website, at: <http://www.epa.gov/oam/srpod/index.htm>, under the "Portable High-Throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification Systems (PHILIS)" link. All interested parties should check these sites frequently for updates. All information related to this procurement will be available at this link through the date of any award.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please submit all Capability Statements by 4:00 P.M. EST on **December 1, 2008** via email to:

Claudia Armstrong, Contracting Officer at [amstrong.claudia@epa.gov](mailto:amstrong.claudia@epa.gov)

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**NO FAXES, MAIL OR PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED**