

SERAS 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). 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.

BACKGROUND:

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 on EPA's ERT follow-on Scientific, Engineering, Response & Analytical Services Contract (SERAS) contract, previous known as the Response, Engineering & Analytical Contract (REAC).

The current REAC contract (EP-C-04-032) will expire on May 31, 2008. The U.S EPA's Environmental Response Team (ERT) provides scientific and engineering services in support of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), EPA Regional On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs), Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) and other Agency groups. Technical support shall include on site work at Edison, NJ; Research Triangle Park, NC and Las Vegas, NV; as well as site-specific work throughout the United States of America, and at various international sites as specified by the individual work assignments. The SERAS contract will support EPA's ERT East located in Edison, NJ, the Environmental Response Team West, in Las Vegas, NV and small satellite offices located in Cincinnati, OH, Erlanger, KY, and Research Triangle Park, NC.

DESCRIPTION

The contractor shall provide technical, analytical, and management support to ERT in its development and oversight of clean-up activities and evaluation of specific sites. The technical and analytical support being provided will support the development and implementation of clean-up activities at other sites. The contractor shall be tasked, in cases of national incidents, to provide 24-hour response and support capability. A response team is usually activated within 24 hours to the designated location to provide technical support, ranging from taking samples, providing expert advice, and providing technical assistance to the ERT team. The team usually brings specialized skills to the incident, such as a dive team or air monitoring through the Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) vehicle. The team averages 1-2 emergency activations a month, the remainder of the time is spent in the field supporting Superfund staff responding or cleaning-up sites. The 24-hour response capability may be for national and international releases of oil and hazardous materials and uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. The contractor shall also provide technical support in cases of deliberate release of weapons of mass destruction by terrorist activities at all types of locations and special events throughout United States (i.e., National Conventions, National Sporting Events).

Contractors should read the posted draft PWS dated 10/24/08 for SERAS Contract for details of the tasks the Government anticipates having performed under the follow-on (REAC) contract SERAS, including response times. Potential offerors are advised that if they are a current Emergency Rapid and Response Services (ERRS) contractors, they will be ineligible for award of this contract. Offerors that work directly for ERRS contractors shall be required to identify the projects they are working on and, if appropriate, demonstrate how they will avoid, neutralize, or mitigate a potential conflict of interest in their proposal.

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 ten (10) 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 #541620 – Environmental Consulting Services, which comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing advice and assistance to businesses and other organizations on environmental issues, such as the control of environmental contamination from pollutants, toxic substances, and hazardous materials. These establishments identify problems (e.g., inspect buildings for hazardous materials), measure and evaluate risks, and recommend solutions. They employ a multidisciplinary staff of scientists, engineers, and other technicians with expertise in areas, such as air and water quality, asbestos contamination, remediation, and environmental law.

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 “Scientific, Engineering, Response & Analytical Services Contract (SERAS)” 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:

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