

**Request for Information - National Multiple Award Superfund Contracts - SOL-R3-13-0006
Instructions for Vendor Response form**

Please use this 'Response Form' to complete and submit your RFI response to EPA.

Responses are to be returned to clark.jim@epa.gov by COB March 17, 2014.

Technical Instructions:

1. The response form requires that macros are enabled. This can be done by clicking 'File' or the Microsoft Office button (depending on which version of excel you have) -> 'Options' -> 'Trust Center' -> 'Trust Center Settings' -> 'Macro Settings' -> 'Enable Macros'
2. Please note that response length is not limited to the visible size of the text boxes.
3. Any images or other non-text based attachments must be submitted separately from the response form. Please submit any additional files as separate attachments when you submit your completed RFI response form.

If you have any technical issues with the form, please contact the EPA point of contact at clark.jim@epa.gov.

THIS IS NOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. NO CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED FROM THIS SSRFI. NO REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE MADE FOR ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND/OR ANY FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS. No communications that request additional information or a solicitation will be accepted or acknowledged.

Interested vendors are reminded that due to the procurement sensitivity of this process and confidential business information nature of the data that has been collected, EPA cannot, at this time, respond to individual inquiries about the RAF. Please contact the Placement Contracting Officer, Jim Clark, at clark.jim@epa.gov if additional clarification is required. Do not request any information from any other EPA personnel on this matter.

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1. Company Name

2. Business Size *Note: (i/a/w NAICS code 562910, 500 employees or less = Small Business).*

Small Large

2a. If small, list any other additional socio-economic grouping

3. Please fill out the checklist below based on your firm's capabilities. Only check the box if you believe you can meet all the requirements outlined in the suite of contract description above.

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	National (R1-R10)
DES	<input type="checkbox"/>										
RES	<input type="checkbox"/>										
ESO	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Munitions expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>										

3a. In addition to checking the boxes above, please provide additional explanation around your capabilities and demonstrated area(s) of expertise. If you do not have geographic coverage across an entire region, please note this in your explanation.

4. EPA understands that subcontractors, teaming arrangements, and SBA approved joint ventures may be proposed by vendors to meet the requirements of each suite of contracts, as detailed above. For each of the suite of contracts that you have checked above, please indicate those functional areas that you would likely subcontract:

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	National (R1-R10)
DES	<input type="checkbox"/>										
RES	<input type="checkbox"/>										
ESO	<input type="checkbox"/>										
Munitions expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>										

4a. Please also provide additional explanation around your subcontracting practices and previous experiences, such as compliance with limitation on subcontracting requirements.

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5. In order to assist EPA in developing the Conflict of Interest (COI) Plan, please answer the following questions:

5a. If EPA allows contractors to bid under all three MACs, does your company intend to bid on more than one MAC?

Yes No Maybe/Unsu

Do you anticipate competing for prime awards under multiple suites of contracts (DES, RES, ESO)?

Yes No Maybe/Unsu

If you only intend on competing for a contract under one suite, do you intend on teaming or being a sub on a contract in another suite?

Yes No Maybe/Unsu

Please elaborate on your answers for 5a.

5d. Potential conflict of interest situations may arise when a contractor has performed work for a potentially responsible party (PRP), including a Federal Facility (FF) PRP, and is then asked to provide support overseeing the PRP under a different contract. EPA has historically excluded work overseeing federal facility cleanups from RAC contracts. FF oversight is being considered for inclusion into the DES and ESO contracts with the conflict of interest review being performed at the site level. Will this cause conflict of interest issues that will prevent you from competing on either the DES or ESO suites? Please elaborate.

Yes No Maybe/Unsu

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6. Remedial Action Framework

6a. What benefits, complications, and drawbacks do you anticipate EPA will experience from the new proposed structure?



6b. How does the proposed approach (national DES, RES, ESO) align and/or differ from current industry practices?



6c. Please provide any feedback you have based on your experience at other federal agencies with multiple award contracts.



7. Contract Structure / Incentives

7a. Do you think the contract structure and period of performance discussed in the SSRFI is a reasonable approach? If you do, please explain why. If not, please provide an alternative and a rationale.

7b. In your opinion, what are the potential benefits and drawbacks of using award terms for this suite of contracts?

7c. What experiences do you have using performance based contracting? In your experience, what types of measures have been effective in evaluating performance?

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7d. What other incentives would you recommend EPA consider? Please provide an explanation.

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7e. What do you think is a reasonable minimum guarantee for each suite of contracts? Please explain.

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8. Fair Opportunity

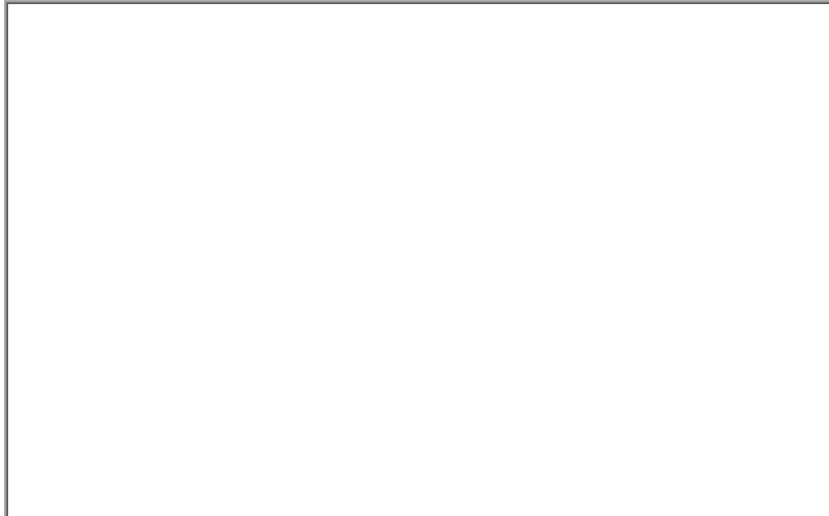
8a. In your experience with other agencies, what makes a fair opportunity process effective or ineffective? Please discuss A&E procedures versus construction and service contract experiences.



9. Munitions

9a. EPA is considering including munitions expertise requirements at the prime contract level but we are concerned that this prime contract requirement may be too restrictive and will limit the competitive pool. Would inclusion of munitions expertise requirements in the DES and ESO contracts prohibit you from meeting the requirements of the DES or ESO contracts?

Yes No Maybe/Unsu



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10. Electronic Automated SF330 process: Have you ever responded to a solicitation using an automated system?

Yes No Maybe/Unsu

If so, please explain the process and your view of its effectiveness.