

SOL-R3-13-00006 SS/RFI RAC MAC Questions and Answers

1. Regarding the sources sought notice for the National Remedial Action Contracts / Multiple Award Competitions (RAC / MAC) (Solicitation Number: SOL-R3-13-00006), we noted the statement that, "The Region intends to set aside Regional RACs for small business only."

Does that mean that small businesses should wait for separate sources sought notices for regional opportunities, or should we respond to this one?

Firms should use their own business judgment and compete on the requirements for which they believe they are qualified.

2. When do you expect the RFPs for the regional small business contracts to be out?

The timeframes for the regional small business contracts will likely coincide with expiring period of performances on existing contracts. Check the Fed Biz Opps website for the posting of regional requirements.

3. Does this mean that only the National RAC contract awards are expected to be full and open and the Regional RACs will be competed as a Small Business Set-Aside?

There will be Full and Open National Multiple Award Contracts.

The Regions intend to set aside Regional RACs for small businesses only, should they choose to award regional RACs."

4. The RAC SOW/PWS document references Appendix 1 EPA Greener Cleanups Policy, Attachment 2 and Attachment B Reports of Work. Can these be posted for review?

These will be made available to the selected firms when they receive the Request for Proposal.

5. EPA Region 9 lists forecast information talking about an upcoming RAC acquisition – is that no longer valid in light of this news?

Please contact the Region 9 Contracts office with your question.

6. What is the anticipated value of these contracts over the next 10 years?

From the SSRFI paragraph 7:

Resulting Contracts could cover up to a 10 year term, including options, and would cover a significant part of the \$500,000,000 annual Superfund remedial budget. Given the uncertain fiscal climate, this estimate may decrease.

Questions concerning a National Strategy

7. Is it confirmed that the EPA will move to this national strategy?

See the answer to question 11, below

8. Is the work that is to be performed under the proposed contracts to be limited to Region III or is this envisioned to be a nationwide procurement were the successful contract holders would be expected to work in multiple regions?

See the answer to question 11, below.

9. My firm is located in EPA Region IX. Region IX just awarded one RAC in June and has a second award pending. I presume that these latest Region IX RACS will have a three year term. How would the proposed RAC for which you soliciting information work in Region IX, if at all?

See the answer to question 11, below. And check with the Region 9 Contracts office.

10. If this is indeed a nationwide procurement, it looks to me like this may be potential shift back to a national strategy. Back in 80s there were larger, more national contracts (two zones). With this RFI it appears that you are looking for quals to see if nationwide contracts may be viable again. As I recall the REM contracts were implemented regionally but the contract holders could work in multiple regions. Is a return to a more national strategy on the table?

See the answer to question 11, below.

11. I would like to confirm if the Sources Sought released today is a Nationwide contract.

From the SSRFI paragraphs 4, 6, and 10.

-EPA is performing market research to determine if industry has the capability and capacity to perform the work, on a national level,

-The purpose of these contracts will be to provide national support to EPA

-The successful contractors should be able to provide all necessary personnel, materials, equipment, and services in support of the performance requirements, objectives and standards delineated in the SOW/PWS on a national level.

Please re-read the SSRFI which explains EPA’s search for more information on whether industry is able to perform this work on a national level.
