

This SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE is for small businesses only. The purpose of this sources sought notice is to determine the interest and capability of small businesses to perform the government's requirements. This notice is for information and planning purposes and is not to be construed as a commitment by the U.S. Government, nor will the U.S. Government pay for information solicited. The information from this notice will help the Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) develop their acquisition strategy. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, NO SOLICITATION EXISTS AT THIS TIME. NNSA is seeking Statements of Capabilities from small businesses for an anticipated requirement to provide environmental characterization and remediation services at designated corrective action sites at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) and parts of the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) and Tonopah Test Range (TTR). The requirement will include waste acceptance services to be performed at the NNSS and at waste generator sites across the DOE Complex. The Statements of Capabilities will assist the government in determining the availability, and technical and financial capability of qualified small businesses, including small disadvantaged businesses (SDB), 8(a) small businesses, woman-owned small businesses (WOSB), veteran owned small businesses (VOSB), service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB), and Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small businesses. All responding small business firms are requested to identify their firm's size and type of business in regards to the anticipated North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code 562910, Environmental Remediation Services, with a small business size standard of 500 employees. Teaming arrangements and joint ventures will be considered for any subsequent procurement based on the Government's market research, provided the prime contract is awarded to a small business and that small business provide fifty percent or more of the support. **REQUIREMENTS:** The contractor must be capable of providing environmental characterization and remediation services for several simultaneous projects at a variety of locations on the sites where Nevada Field Office (NFO) has environmental restoration responsibilities. The services contemplated include: (a) program management and public involvement support; and (b) site characterization and assessment field services performed in accordance with the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFACO) (1996) as amended that was agreed to by the State of Nevada, DOE (including Environmental Management, and Legacy Management), and U.S. Department of Defense. **POSSIBLE CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS:** We are contemplating a competitive acquisition using the procedures delineated in FAR Part 15. The estimated need date for contract support to be available under the potential acquisition is September 30, 2014. Performance is expected to be both on Government sites and at the contractor's facility. It is anticipated that as part of this requirement, the successful contractor will be required to have/maintain an office in the Las Vegas, Nevada metropolitan area throughout the life of the contract that is adequately staffed to provide support in accordance with the Performance Work Statement (PWS). Work under the potential contract will likely include providing systems engineering, and technical direction, preparing specifications or work statements, evaluating products or services, and having access to proprietary information of other firms. Therefore, the Organizational Conflict of Interest restrictions delineated in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 9.5 will apply. As a result of the sensitive nature of the NNSA mission and the ongoing work at some of the potential sites, the successful contractor, and its subcontractors or team members, will be required to have an affirmative determination of Foreign Ownership, Control and Clearance (FOCI). In addition, many contractor personnel performing on the contract will be required to have and maintain DOE "L" or "Q" level security clearances. **ROAD AHEAD:** We are in the preliminary stages of developing an acquisition strategy. To help us determine

industry interest, capability and whether the proposed acquisition can be set-aside for small business concerns, interested firms are asked to submit a Statement of Capabilities that address the following: 1) Company Name and Mailing Address, DUNS and CAGE Code; 2) Statement of business size (i.e., SB, SDB, HUBZone, WOSB, VOSB or SDVOSB) in the 562910 NAICS code; 3) Overview of your technical capabilities and experience in relation to the work identified in the attached DRAFT Performance Work Statement; 4) Overview of your company's financial resources and managerial ability to oversee multiple projects in a variety of different functional areas, working environments, locations and durations; and 5) your approach in establishing teaming/ subcontracting arrangements for acquiring labor resources; and your ability to perform at least 50 percent of the projected contract work in-house. In addition NNSA is seeking feedback on the attached DRAFT PWS and welcomes questions and comments as part of your response to this sources sought notice. Questions will not be answered at this time but rather will be used to assess the clarity of the PWS and allow NNSA the opportunity to revise and strengthen the document prior to any resultant solicitation. Statements of Capabilities are to be limited to 7 pages, excluding the cover page and questions and comments pertaining to the Draft PWS. The Statements of Capabilities submitted by interested firms will be reviewed by NNSA representatives as part of the Government's market research to assist in developing the appropriate acquisition approach to contractually satisfy the program requirements, including but not be limited to, the type of contract arrangement best suited for satisfying the program needs and the extent of possible participation by small business concerns. Businesses responding to this Sources Sought Notice must submit their responses via FedConnect at www.fedconnect.net no later than 4:30 P.M. Mountain Standard Time, October 1, 2013. Interested parties must register via FedConnect prior to responding to this Sources Sought Notice. Telephone responses and inquires will not be accepted at this time since there is no further information available. It is the responsibility of the respondent to monitor this site for the release of any additional information, amendments to this notice, any subsequently released solicitation, or other related documents. Information which the Contractor considers "Proprietary Information" pursuant to existing laws and regulations must be marked accordingly [see FAR 3.104-1 (3) & (4)].