

DACA45-03-R-0025
Questions from Potential Providers
And
Answers to the Questions.

Q 1. Does the following contract have an incumbent already working in this capacity?

A 1. No, there is no incumbent this is considered new work.

Q 2. Do we need to have team members with these two certifications to be considered?

A 2. Yes, your proposal will still be considered if your team does not have the certifications listed. The purpose for submitting professional certifications is to assist us in evaluating the professional qualifications of the team members. Responding firms that do have the certifications will be looked at favorably.

Q 3. Do these certifications refer to the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) certifications?

A 3. ASPRS is one certifying body that we are aware of. Information on certification can be obtained at the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Their web site is located at the following address: www.asprs.org

Q 4. Can we get more details for this Tender Notice No DACA45-03-R-0025?

A 4. The web site at <http://ebs-now.wes.army.mil> has all the information necessary to prepare and submit a proposal for this solicitation notice.

Q 5. Can this work be done offshore?

A 5. Once a contract is issued, there will be a clause included requiring all firms to be U.S. Firms.

Q 6. Our company is based and incorporated in the US, but is owned by a company in India. Can we bid for this work?

A 6. Your firm must comply with the requirements of the solicitation and if a contract were awarded to you, you must comply with its requirements.

Q 7. My company is interested in submitting a response to your solicitation DACA45-03-R-0025. Can you please give me details as to what you mean by a "partial small business set aside"? I am unfamiliar with that phrase.

A 7. Partial Small Business Set Aside means that this work is a portion of a larger amount of work and has been set aside totally for small business.

Q 8. Will there be more than one contract with one for small business?

A 8. The solicitation announcement is clear, there will be only one contract awarded to a qualified small business.

Q 9. The NW Division covers a very large geographic area. The Solicitation mentions the necessity for Professional Land Surveyors. My

concern is to provide the land surveyors licensed in the states in which projects may be anticipated.

A 9. The following states are encompassed in the Northwestern Division.

<i>Montana</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>
<i>Wyoming</i>	<i>Wisconsin</i>
<i>Colorado</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
<i>North Dakota</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>
<i>South Dakota</i>	<i>Washington</i>
<i>Oregon</i>	<i>Idaho</i>
<i>Kansas</i>	<i>Missouri</i>

and parts of Nevada and Utah.

Q 10. If possible, please provide some guidance as to where specific task orders may be located in order to permit us to assemble a team that will provide the Corps with the necessary professional staffing.

A 10. Task orders issued against the contract issued as a result of this solicitation could be as stated in the solicitation announcement. However, task orders could be issued for work within the boundaries of the Northwestern Division or anywhere within the United States. See the Announcement.

Q 11. As part of this contract there is a requirement for Professional Land Surveyors. Do the P.L.S.' have to be licensed in each of the states included in the Northwestern Division?

A 11. The answer to your question is, No, we do not expect the firms to have a registered land surveyor in each State. We do expect the firms to have registered land surveyor(s) on the team. The Government would like to see a PLS listed as part of the team, and have the firm recognize the fact that this contractor may be required to perform a boundary survey in any of the States in our Division, which would require a PLS in that particular State. However, we realize that firms cannot be expected to list a PLS for each state as part of their submittal. Keep in mind that the firm may be required to perform a boundary survey in any of the States in our Division. The boundary survey will need to be performed by, or under the direct supervision of, a registered land surveyor in that State. If the firm does not have a registered land surveyor for the State in question, the proposal submitted for that particular job will undoubtedly include some type of subcontractor, or other arrangement to meet the requirements of the job. However, we realize that firms cannot be expected to list a registered land surveyor for each State as part of this submittal.

Q 12. What is meant by "Certified GIS Scientist, Certified Mapping Scientist"?

A 12. We are interested in seeing the professional qualifications of the listed professions and professional certification is one measure of those qualifications.

Q 13. How would one go about getting certified for either of these positions?

A 13. One source is the American Society of Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing. Their web site is www.asprs.org

Q 14. What type of certificates are you looking for?

A 14. Certification of the professional disciplines listed in the solicitation.

Q 15. How would one go about getting certified for either of these positions?

A 15. See answer A.13

Q 16. What type of certificates are you looking for?

A 16. See answer A.14

Q 17. What are you looking for in this request? It appears that you would prefer a Small Business lead firm with large firms to provide the photogrammetric support. Is that a correct assessment?

A 17. The solicitation is for a Small Business Set Aside so that is how you will have to approach it. The partners will have to work any where in the District/Division.

Q 18. Would you prefer a small business Engineering firm in close proximity to Omaha as the prime?

A 18. We're basically looking for surveying, mapping & GIS in support of our mission(s) here.

Q 19. Is the Prime contractor required to be a small firm? What level of participation is required of SDB, SDVOB, WOSB, historically black colleges and minority institutions?

A 19. In response to solicitation DACA45-03-R-0025, Prime contractors are all Small Business firms. As such, the Small Business Subcontracting Floors do not apply.

Q 20. I am not sure that you are the person to ask, however, is it really a requirement that the contractor have a registered surveyor in every state listed in the solicitation? I understand that this would be necessary if property surveys are performed during the contract.

A 20. It is not a requirement that you have a registered land surveyor in every state. Our boundaries include too many states to require that. We do expect the firms to have registered land surveyors on staff or as part of the team. You should be aware; however, that the potential to perform boundary surveys exists in any of the states in the Division which would require a registered land surveyor in that state. If that requirement comes, then we assume that the contractor would make the necessary arrangements to meet the requirements of the delivery order, either by existing team members, or a subcontracting arrangement that can be entered into at the time of proposal development.

Q 21. Please confirm the NAICS codes for this solicitation.

A 21. See the Solicitation Announcement for the applicable NAICS Code.

Q 22. Is it the districts intent to have every single discipline addressed in our submittal, with every firm supplying a 254,255? That could mean 10 to 20, (or more) subcontractors with an obvious HUGE submittal package. OR should we state that we have can contract for these services if need be, IF most of the work is surveying and Photogrammetry related?

SONAR
LIDAR
Infrared

RADAR
Multi-spectral/Hyperspectral
Multifrequency digital image
Digital signal processing and data intergration
ground control surveys, boundary surveys, courthouse research,
etc in 16 states Hrydrographic Surveys
OE Surface and subsurface detection and identification
habitat and wetland delineation
biomass detection and classification
Infrastructure delineation and classification
Geomorphology

Also Photogrammetry, which I think is the main discipline along with various survey types of work that you folks at the Omaha district want covered and will likely, be the kind of work that you will contract over the next 3 years within this contract.

A 22. The solicitation language should help guide you in preparing your proposal. We are interested in seeing the makeup of the firms in the various disciplines, and there is space in the 255/254 forms to list the employee numbers by discipline. As far as the list of individuals and their resumes, we cannot guide you on which individuals to list with specific information on their technical and professional qualifications.

Q 23. Is there some way that we could look at a list of those bidding for this job so we might contact them to see if there are issues that my firm could then perhaps subcontract on? In particular whichever firm wins the award?

A 23. Please visit our web site at <http://ebs-nwo.wes.army.mil>, open the subject solicitation and go to the block that says "view plan holders". Below that will be a box with the word "all" printed in it and next to that a red box with the word "go" in it. Click on the word "GO" and all the firms expressing an interest in the solicitation will be visible to you. You can then contact any one or all of them at your discretion.

Q 24. Does my firm need to be pre-certified with the GSA to compete for bids with the US Army Corps of Engineers?

A 24. No, your firm does not need to be pre-certified with GSA to compete for this acquisition.

Q 25. My firm is in Texas, does the Omaha District include Texas?

A 25. The Omaha District does not include Texas within its Divisional Boundaries.

Q 26. What are the other Districts and what district am I in?

A 26. There are 41 Districts within the U S Army Corps of Engineers, your offices would fall under the Fort Worth District jurisdiction.

Q 27. Is the Omaha District a Corps grouping or does another entity govern it?

A 27. The Omaha District, like the other 40 Districts are under the jurisdiction of the Hq USACE, Washington DC.

Q 28. Can a firm compete for work in districts that they do not have an office in?

A 28. Firms can compete on solicitations for work outside their general location. The only requirement is that the announcement information requested, must be submitted.

Q 29. Where can I view the announcement and plan holders listing?

A 29. Please visit our web site at <http://ebs-nwo.wes.army.mil> to view the subject solicitations.

Q 30. Please inform me as to how I may obtain the SF 255 and SF 254.

A 30. Please visit the web site WWW.gsa.gov, go to forms and look for the SF 254 and SF 255 where you can print them and/or download them for fillin action.

Q 31. Will this contract require surveyed boundary adjustments (which would require a licensed surveyor)?

A 31. The contract could very well have some delivery order requirements for boundary surveys, which require a licensed land surveyor in that particular State.

Q 32. If so, will licensed surveyors be required for every state in the Northwest Division, or will licensed surveyors for selected states within the division be sufficient?

A 32. We realize that it is not feasible to have a licensed land surveyor on you team for every State that is in our Division. We will be looking at the qualifications of the professional staff on your team. It is assumed that if we come across a requirement for an L.S. in a State that you do not have covered with the necessary professional staff, that arrangements can be made to cover the requirement (i.e., a subcontract to bring in the required personnel).

Q 33. The solicitation does not request the rate structure for our services. Is this information required?

A 33. No, a rate structure will only be required of the selected firm after our selection process is completed.