

ICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – MARCH 8, 2018

1. QUESTION: Can the government disclose the five contractors who were invited to the 2017T-17 industry day?

ANSWER: All contractors in the Technical pool were invited to attend the industry day. The five companies who participated are DCS Corporation, SAIC, Sigmatech, Westar/Vencore, and Infoscitex.

2. QUESTION: On the TORFQ 2017T-17 slide, the Technical Requirements/Scope references NAICS 541712. Will this be updated since 541712 no longer exists?

ANSWER: Yes.

3. QUESTION: Is there a new estimated TORFQ release forecast date for 2017T-17?

ANSWER: April 2018

4. QUESTION: Can you provide an update of the evaluation/award status of TORFQ 2016P-13?

ANSWER: This TORFQ is in the evaluation stage, award is projected for April 2018.

5. QUESTION: Please provide reason for 2018T-1 RFI being released and then cancelled? What is the plan and schedule for this TORFQ in future?

ANSWER: This is a first time buy and will be solicited full-and-open in the Technical Non-R&D pool. It was released and cancelled due to a NAICS issue.

6. QUESTION: In the recent Team Redstone APBI, there were mentions of an OTA. Is there a reference you can provide for the community to research OTA?

ANSWER: Please reference the Department of Defense (DoD) Other Transactions Guide for Prototype Projects, dated January 2017. The guide can be found at the following link:

[https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/OTA_Guide%20\(17%20Jan%202017\)%20PAP%20signature%20FINAL.pdf](https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/docs/OTA_Guide%20(17%20Jan%202017)%20PAP%20signature%20FINAL.pdf)

7. QUESTION: What is the Government doing to prevent large/traditional primes from using OTAs that are outside the FAR and intended for small tech companies to use?

ANSWER: The Government must abide by the authority stated in Sec. 815 of National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, Public Law 114-92, codified in 10 U.S.C. §2371b.

This authority may be used only when at least one of the following conditions is met (as set forth in §2371b(d):

(A) There is at least one nontraditional defense contractor participating to a significant extent in the prototype project;

(B) All significant participants in the transaction other than the Federal Government are small businesses or nontraditional defense contractors;

(C) At least one third of the total cost of the prototype project is to be paid out of funds provided by parties to the transaction other than the Federal Government; or

(D) The senior procurement executive for the agency determines in writing that exceptional circumstances justify the use of a transaction that provides for innovative business arrangements or structures that would not be feasible or appropriate under a contract, or would provide an opportunity to expand the defense supply base in a manner that would not be practical or feasible under a contract.

8. QUESTION: Could you give status on Redstone OTA? Who can use? What consortium? Value? Timeline? Process?

ANSWER: The U.S. Army Contracting Command- Redstone Arsenal (ACC-RSA), on behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD), United States (US) Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), Weapons Development and Integration Directorate (WDI) and Engineering Directorate (ED), intends to enter into an Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) with one on

Consortium whose body of members possesses a collective expertise in prototype guided missile technologies, manufacturing and enabling/disruptive technologies, and aviation technologies. The term of the OTA is planned as a ten year agreement from the date of award. The estimated value of the prototype projects to be awarded under the terms and conditions of the OTA is \$2B. The release of the OTA solicitation, which will detail the OTA prototype project award process, is pending and will be placed on FedBizOpps in the near future. The Government plans to utilize non-traditional defense contractors that participate to a significant extent

in prototype projects related to the development of prototype hardware, software, and system technologies directly relevant to the development of weapons and weapon systems acquired or developed by the Department of Defense (DoD).

9. QUESTION: Can the Government confirm that 2018T-01, entitled “Technical Research, Development and Engineering Support” with PWS entitled, “AMRDEC ED Technical Research, Development and Engineering Support” is the realization of the effort entitled “ED Life Cycle Engineering Support” briefed in the APBI? Is this a re-compete of Torch Task Order 0007? Has the PWS changed?

ANSWER: Yes, 2018T-1 if the effort briefed at the APBI. 2018T-1 is for AMRDEC ED Lifecycle Engineering Support. The objective of this Task Order is to provide the full range of technical research and development activities and support for projects and systems supported by the AMRDEC ED. The referenced Torch Task Order was not established or used for lifecycle engineering. That Task Order was set up to support the ES Division which no longer exists. The new Task Order absorbs some of that mission, but it is a very small part and not the intent of the Lifecycle Engineering Task Order.