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AM-C	2020T-03	Will the Technical Domain manage the Logistics Sustainment Support?	That would be a separate contract action so all of the logistics support would be through a different contract vehicle.
AM-C	2020T-03	The RFI indicated there will be 1.25 million hours on this contract. Will that drive it Full and Open?	No, All factors will be taken into consideration, i.e. contractor experience, qualifications (based upon the RFI information), historical information, etc.
AM-C	2020T-03	When will the Logistics Support Contract be released?	TBD; the customer is working on the CRP Packet.
AM-C	2020T-03	NAICS 541330 Exception A, \$41.5M is the current plan correct?	The NAICS Code will be 541330, but the solicitation will be issued as a Full and Open TORFQ.
AM-C	2020T-03	Given the magnitude of the increase in effort to over 1M hours, will they require the offeror to demonstrate management of tasks of similar size and scope, or have it released as F&O?	Yes, this is the standard. This also a question within the RFI. The contractors are to provide experience with projects in similar scope, size and magnitude, etc.
AM-C	2020T-06	Will this be a 541330 SBSA?	The NAICS Code will be 541330; it will be Full and Open Competition
AM-C	2020T-06	Has the Size Standard been determined?	Full and Open
AM-C	2020T-06	Do you have an anticipated release date of the solicitation?	It was released 30 June 2020.
AM-C	2020T-08	Do you have a TORFQ for the previous award?	TORFQ 2013T-2
AM-C	2020T-08	Who is the current incumbent?	Aviation & Missile Solutions, Inc.
AM-C	2020T-08	What is NAICS for this task order?	541330
AM-C	2020T-08	How can this be a small business set aside without market research?	It has not been determined as a Small Business Set-Aside. The slide was incorrect. The RFI is forthcoming.
AM-C	2020T-08	Does this requirement include CAB AIL?	Yes, That is a part of G5 future operations.
AM-C	2020T-08	Will there be an RFI for this opportunity?	Yes, All EXPRESS requirements require that we do an internal RFI among all of our BPA holders.
AM-C	2020T-08	How large will this opportunity be – how many FTEs?	TBD; the customer is working on the CRP Packet.
AM-C	2020T-08	You mentioned digital engineering as a potential growth area. Please elaborate on what the PEO needs to operate at the desired technical level in digital engr and the level of emphasis on this new M.O.	There are multiple potential growth areas in PEO Aviation that might occur in the future. As was answered online during the EXPRESS ICE Event, technology advances is one area we see as a possible growth area.
AM-C	2020T-08	Can you comment on OCI clauses WRT to supporting the PMs vs. Supporting HQ ?	The OCI clauses are the standard clauses within the BPA. The proposed contractors will need to review. It will be dependent upon their support requirements, if providing support under a current task order and proposing for an upcoming TORFQ.
AM-C	2020T-08	2013T-2 PWS and the listed services to be provided under this effort are substantially different. 2013T-2 is more comparable to 2020P-1 (PEO-Avn Programmatic)	2013T-2 was awarded within the Technical Domain. However; due to mission requirement changes over the course of the POP, the customer determined the requirements are more in line with the Programmatic Domain. 2013T-2 corresponds to 2020P-1.
AM-C	2020T-08	Will this requirement consolidate 13T-2 and 13T-6 task orders?	No, see answer above; 2013T-6 corresponds to 2020T-8.
AM-C	2020T-08	This is pre-CRP? Estimate of RFP date?	Yes, TBD; the customer is working on the CRP
AM-C		Log Utility and UAS are not listed on the AMCOM EXPRESS May 2020 forecast...is there an estimate for their release?	TBD; Based upon the POP dates, these are not expected for re-compete for a few years however; If the customer expects to reach the ceiling earlier than anticipated, a re-compete will be conducted early.

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MZB	2020B-04	Two-part question reference the cancellation of 2020B-02 and 2020B-03 and combining them into 2020B-04. First part. There were only roughly 5 B&A task orders historically. By combining these two, you have removed 20% of the available task orders to bid. Due to the size of the resultant combined task order, there is a chance it could end up a F&O bid. If that happens, you have removed roughly a third of the available SBSA B&A bids. Has the impact to small business B&A BPA holders been considered with these moves? Second part. There is a local Huntsville company that owns the proprietary software used for property management in CCDC. If that company joins a team exclusively it creates an apparent unfair advantage for that team. Could consideration be given to either have that portion be issued as a line item like other ODCs or have that company be mandated to be added to teams on a non-exclusive basis?	Part 1 – Currently, Quantitech Inc, a small business, performs these two task orders. As this falls into the Business and Analytical group within the EXPRESS program, it will continue to be a small business set-aside. Yes, the number of task orders has reduced by one. The Government has reduced the redundancies in the management of the contracts. The small level of effort for these efforts remains the same. The vendors will have an opportunity to win the same amount of work, just in one contract. Part 2. This question is being researched and will be posted once the situation has been evaluated.
MZB	2020B-04	Who are the incumbents?	Quantitech Inc. is the incumbent on both task orders.
MZB	2020B-04	At \$150M will this be full and open or Small Business?	The Business and Analytical BPAs are all small businesses and will stay within that program.
MZB	2020B-04	When do you expect to release an RFI?	The RFI release date is scheduled for on or about 20 Jul 2020.
MZB	2020B-04	What is the actual FTE envisioned on the consolidated effort?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI, which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated. The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category. This is a consolidated effort, therefore Historical data such as number of FTEs may not represent the current effort.
MZB	2020B-04	Has this action been Set Aside for SB or F/O?	This action is set-aside for small business.
MZB	2020B-04	Can you provide the historical CME count for this work?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI, which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated. The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category. This is a consolidated effort, therefore historical data such as number of FTEs may not represent the current effort.
MZB	2020B-04	Does the Government have an anticipated level of effort (full-time equivalent) they are able to share?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI, which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated. The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category. This is a consolidated effort, therefore Historical data such as number of FTEs may not represent the current effort.
MZB	2020T-04	What were the decisions which resulted from the January 2020 RFI solicitation?	The RFI information received resulted in a determination that a full and open competition would be the best avenue for this effort.
MZB	2020T-04	Are there any contractor owned facility requirements?	There are no requirements for the contractor to have facilities that they will exclusively use on the effort.
MZB	2020T-04	Is there an OCI between the IDIQ contractor(s) and this PIF EXPRESS contract	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued on or about 15 July 2020. In the TORFQ, provision Other Requirements 7c. states "The offeror will need to submit an executed OCI certification for the prime contractor/team leader and proposed subcontractors and Team members." The contractor will need to determine if there will be an OCI and respond accordingly in the TORFQ response.

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MZB	2020T-04	What is the expected NAICS for 2020T-4?	The NAICS code for 2020T-04 is 541330.
MZB	2020T-04	What type of competition does the Army intend, unrestricted or small business set-aside? If the Army has not decided this specific parameter, when do you anticipate making that decision, and how will you announce it?	This acquisition will be solicited as Full and Open. Solicitation type can always be found in the DRAFT TORFQ documentation.
MZB	2020T-04	What is expected release date for TORFQ?	The expected release date for the TORFQ is 18 Aug 2020.
MZB	2020T-04	What positions currently billing to the contract? We understand that this would change from time-to-time. Could ACC publish a list?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI, which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated. The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category.
MZB	2020T-04	In evaluating past performance, what relative weight will the Army give to the required customized configuration mgmt program that meets the PIF's organic CM Plan.	The evaluation criteria found in the TORFQ will address the importance of specific items and it will explain any criteria needed for a configuration management within the contract.
MZB	2020T-04	Do you plan to hold an industry day for this procurement?	The virtual ICE event which occurred on 25 June 2020 serves as the Industry Day for this requirement.
MZB	2020T-04	As you are integrated in S3I, do you expect your work to increase by supporting S3I labs?	The PIF is beginning to see some of the early opportunities. However that will be driven by the value the PIF can bring to their S3I customers and what S3I requests. Any increase in workload will also depend on the relationships that are built in the future.
MZB	2020T-04	Can you rephrase the set-aside? Is this a F&O or small business opportunity?	2020T-04 will be a Full and Open Competition.
MZB	2020T-04	Will there be a draft TORFQ and a period of questions and comments from industry?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI , which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated. The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category. Once the Draft TORFQ is released, there will be a period for questions/comments from industry.
MZB	2020T-04	What is the estimated release of the TORFQ?	The expected release date for the TORFQ is 18 Aug 2020.
MZB	2020T-04	How is the work divided? There are 3 distinct groups working it. Obviously, \$500M/year would hit the ceiling quickly.	There is a misunderstanding regarding the total typical revenue of the PIF being in the \$500 million range. The entire \$500 million is not directed towards this one particular contract.
MZB	2020T-04	What are the positions (labor categories) for the PIF that are being used now that are part of this contract?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI , which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated. The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category. This is a consolidated effort, therefore historical data such as number of FTEs may not represent the current effort.
MZB	2020T-04	Will there be a DRAFT TORFQ?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI, which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated.
MZB	2020T-04	What is the historical annual dollar amount exercised?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI, which will be issued on or about 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated. The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category. This is a consolidated effort, therefore historical data such as number of FTEs may not represent the current effort. The historical dollar amounts will not be released.

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MZB	2020T-04	Will you have SB Goals, by socio economic categories? SDVOSB, WOSB, HubZone, etc. e.g. 40% overall SB Goals?	Small business goals are not included in the TORFQ. Each BPA holder must submit their projected utilization based upon their own BPA goals.
MZB	2020T-04	Can we get the positions (labor categories) before the RFP drops?	The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category.
MZB	2020T-04	Is there any OCI clause in this contract?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued on or about 15 July 2020. In the draft TORFQ, provision Other Requirements 7c. states "The offeror will need to submit an executed OCI certification for the prime contractor/team leader and proposed subcontractors and Team members." The contractor will need to determine if there will be an OCI and respond accordingly in the TORFQ response.
MZB	2020T-04	Please identify Charles who is speaking, and what is his role as it comes to 2020T-04?	Mr. Charles Julian is a Contracting Officer and the Branch Chief for the team performing this effort.
MZB	2020T-04	What is the planned ceiling amount for this requirement? 5 years?	The RFI will contain the estimated labor categories and the percentage of work for each category. The proposed ceiling amount is not releasable. This effort will be for five years.
MZB	2020T-04	In evaluating past performance, what relative weight will the Army give to the required customized configuration mgmt program that meets the PIF's organic CM Plan?	The evaluation criteria found in the TORFQ will address the importance of specific items and it will explain any criteria needed for a configuration management within the contract.
MZB	2020T-04	Why is ACC not doing a draft TORFQ?	A DRAFT TORFQ will be issued once the results of the RFI, which will be issued on about the 15 Jul 2020, have been evaluated.
MZB	S3I - System Security	Have ACC and AvMC leaders approved the use of Express for the S3I System Security procurement?	Yes, this procurement will be solicited through EXPRESS.
MZB	S3I - System Security	Is there a validated scope for the System Security program? When will that be available to industry? How will industry have access to it?	ACC and S3I are currently in acquisition planning. An RFI will be released to industry with a draft PWS in mid to late July. The RFI will be sent to EXPRESS Technical (Non-R&D) BPA holders.
MZB	S3I - System Security	Would the Army consider an open house, industry day, one-on-one technical interchanges, oral proposals, DRFP, and a secure bidders library for the System Security competition? These are ways to ensure sufficient competition and a level playing field.	The Government will consider all of the recommendations provided.
MZB	S3I - System Security	S3I System Security: Does your decision to make S3I System Security a small business set-aside or unrestricted competition depend on the inputs you will receive from the RFI planned for Jul 2020?	Responses from the RFI is part of market research, which will inform the Government's decision on whether to compete Systems Security as a small business set-aside or unrestricted.
SSCM		There are several RFQs out for bid now with legacy SINS. Should we bid the new SINS back with the offer?	Yes, you should bid the new SINS back with the offer. If the TORFQ has a legacy SIN our Contracting Officers have a crosswalk they will use to do their evaluation.
SSCM		Is there a plan to open a new ONRAMP?	At this time there are no plans to open a new on-ramp. We are continuously assessing the BPAs. The sizes for our BPA holders are good until the award term, therefore, it is likely closer to that time when we would entertain something like that.
SSCM		The items due on July 28th, are they for GSA schedules only?	The items due on July 28th are packages from our BPA Primes. They only include updates to their Contractor Teaming Arrangements which include only GSA schedule holders.

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SSCM		Can non-primers participate in the IWG plenary?	We have not addressed this topic with the industry working group leadership team. Our charter agreement is between the government and the primes. Obviously the primes have team members and sub contractors that are part of the performance of their task orders. There may be some opportunities for non-primers to participate on future special working groups; however, it depends on the topic. This is an item that we can discuss further in our upcoming EXPRESS Working Group Leadership meeting.
SSCM		Will there be opportunities for other representation on the Industry Working Groups? If so, when, and what will be the selection?	Yes, if you are referring to future opportunities to serve in a chair position or within the Operations team, which is what we refer to as the IWG leadership team, those positions are voted on by the members of the plenary IWG group under an annual term that runs from 1 Jan to 31 Dec. The next voting period will be scheduled by our current EIWG chair persons and will likely take in the November - December timeframe. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please talk to the current members on the leadership team. If your question concerns opportunities for non-primers to participate in EIWG plenary activities, please see my response on that question.
SSCM		Are the Industry Working Group positions (LB and SM reps) rotating positions?	Chair positions, the operations group, and secretary operate under an annual term limit that run from 1 Jan - 31 Dec. An incumbent per the charter cannot serve more than two consecutive terms as a chair. Membership to the plenary EIWG is limited to one primary representative and a secondary representative from each company that is a prime BPA holder. All of these positions and memberships are voluntary. Companies certainly have flexibility in rotating their representatives; however, personnel continuity is crucial especially when representatives are participating in special working groups.

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SSCM		Describe limitations by Mission Partners on the use of EXPRESS across the Army, DoD, OGAs	<p>This topic was discussed during the last EXPRESS working group leadership meeting. The Army is working hard right now to push category management. As part of this, the Army is looking across the enterprise to identify possible strategic sourcing solutions that are available with potential capability to be used as an enterprise source. EXPRESS has some potential and capability to be an asset in the Army's strategic sourcing portfolio and so we have asked through the working group channels for feedback from industry on some of the challenges, problems, issues, any kind of best practices, lessons learned that our industry partners have collected from working with or being on similar vehicles to EXPRESS, but with a huge broad customer base. We have not activated EXPRESS, opening it up to a broader customer base outside of our current customer base, but it is a possibility that we have to prepare for as the Army moves forward in trying to leverage sources across the enterprise. Before opening the vehicle up, we would work a pilot requirement. Of course, that requirement would be briefed in this forum. One final thing to note, as we investigate the bounds of EXPRESS capability beyond our current customer base, our #1 priority and focus is Army work.</p>
SSCM		When the Government states "new SINS" are you meaning NAICS?	<p>The new "SINS" are still "SINS". Although they were updated to more closely align with the NAICS, they are not all explicitly the same as the NAICS. Several NAICS align to more than one SIN, therefore they are delineated by other characters; some SINS align to more than one NAICS and reflect four numbers instead of five. We are referring specifically to the new GSA SINS that have been crosswalked on the updated consolidated schedule.</p>
SSCM		The current number of programmatic small businesses on express limits true competition to just a handful of companies... additionally a couple of those companies will outgrow their small status soon. Why wouldn't you on ramp new smalls within the next year or so?	<p>As of today, there is adequate small business competition within the programmatic domain. Even if the small businesses outgrow their small status, they will still stay small until the next award term in 2023. As of now, this would only impact a couple of businesses and would still leave adequate competition.</p>
SSCM		Is there any consideration to be given to a company being able to be added to a team (should work be identified) outside of Open Season. Right now this is near impossible and for small companies, it is difficult to be added to a team without specific work already close to being in hand.	<p>Due to the level of manpower needed to administer the additions of teams, no consideration is being given at this time. However, subcontractors are allow to be updated at any time</p>
SSCM		Subcontractor level, to make up 51% of the work for a small business set-aside? Where do I find information on small business teaming rules on EXPRESS?	<p>The EXPRESS BPAs include 52.219-14 which allow for work performed by subcontractors of the same type to be considered as part of the 51%.</p>
SSCM		Will you consider adjusting socio economic goals in the Logistics domain considering the lack of opportunities?	<p>During our recent Open Season, all of the BPA Primes have recently been able to propose new small business goals in all domains based upon the number of changes that we have had since 2005, and we are in the process of renegotiating those right now.</p>

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SSCM		With the outbreak of COVID-19 at different locations, we have just had contractors directed to quarantine at home. Are you processing requests for consideration for reimbursements for those contractors under the CARES Act	ACC-RSA is addressing Section 3610 CARES Act requests on a case-by-case basis. Contractors and Contracting Officers must comply with guidance provided by ASAALT and DASA(P). Additional guidance from Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC) is expected to be released soon.
SSCM		You mentioned a possible on ramp during next ordering period, what is that date (for tracking purposes)?	The next Award Term is in 2023.
SSCM		Will the questions being answered in writing be published in the meeting minutes?	We do not publish meeting minutes, however the answered questions will be published on Interact
SSCM		Could you publish the EXPRESS "generic" contracts/BPAs publically?	Good question. We will work to publish a generic BPA to our website. This will be published in the near future.
SSCM		Do you see an increase of Logistics Requirements in that Domain? As we are building our teams, team members want to know if their resources are used well.	At this time, ACC does not have any Contracts Requirements Packages, but there are several follow on task orders set to expire over the next 3-5 years. Please be sure to check our forecast data spreadsheet that is published bi-monthly.
SSCM		Thank you for the recent eBuy announcement about the procurement timeline. Industry greatly appreciates the info flow; please continue. Would the Army consider soliciting for procurement structure ideas and best practices in the planned RFI? The questions asked will indicate the real business opportunity.	The RFI is a great tool to facilitate market research and using it to help the government better craft its requirements and procurement structure should be investigated further. I think this would be a great topic for the EWG to collect industry feedback and suggestions on possible questions to include in the RFI. One such area that will be addressed on future RFIs will include the collection of industry feedback on contemplated FFP requirements and how those requirement statements can be defined better to allow industry to quote on a FFP basis.
SSCM		Why are so many Redstone community task orders being allowed to be bid on vehicles other than EXPRESS? It dilutes the value of the EXPRESS BPAs.	There currently is no mandatory source policy established for professional services in the Army or at ACC-RSA. ACC-RSA and its mission partners view EXPRESS as a tool, just as OASIS is another potential source for execution of our requirements. ACC-RSA through the support provided by the Strategic Services and Category Management division is focused on using the best source relative to the mission partner's requirements.