

# **Federal Railroad Administration Risk Reduction Program**

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# FRA Acquisition Team

- Introduction to RAD-30
  - The Team
  - The Director
  - What We Do
    - Why
  - Our Mission

# Risk Reduction Contractual Requirements

- Acquisition Award Flexibility
  - Various Contract Types
  - Continuous Award Capability
  - FRA - Pre-Solicitation Vendor Guidance
- Vendor Selection Flexibility
  - Multiple Awards – Varying Objectives
  - Varying Award Amounts
  - Non-Specific Award Criteria

# Acquisition Approach – Broad Agency Announcement

- Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)
- Award Flexibility
  - Single Sol'n
    - Grants, Contracts or Cooperative Agreements
  - Sol'n Can Remain Open for Future Awards
    - Simplifies Future Acquisitions of Interest That Fall Within the Technical Requirement Range
  - FRA Assist in Focusing Your Proposal
    - Pre-Sol'n - White Papers, One-on-One Dialog

# Acquisition Approach – Broad Agency Announcement

- BAA
- Vendor Selection
  - Multiple Objectives – proposals Not Evaluated Against Each Other
  - Won't Know Until We See
- Varying Award Amounts
  - Award Amounts Based on Reasonableness
  - Value to FRA
  - Negotiations
- Selection Criteria (as required by FAR)
  - Technical
  - Importance To Agency Program
  - Funds Availability (reasonableness/realism)

# BAA - Governing Guidance

- Federal Acquisition Regulation
  - FAR Part 35 Research & Development
  - BAA Guidance FAR Part 35.016
- Used for the Acquisition of Basic or Applied Research
  - Advancing the State-of-the-Art
  - Increasing Knowledge or Understanding
- Can not be Used for Development of Specific Systems or Hardware for Procurement.

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