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US Army Corps of Engineers announce national A-76 competition for information management/information technology services

GALVESTON -- Today, the Department of Defense formally is announcing the beginning of a standard competition for US Army Corps of Engineers Information management/Information Technology functions, in accordance with Office of Management and budget Circular A-76 (revised). This is a nationwide competition, and will include more than 1,300 positions through the Corps, including eighteen positions in the Galveston District.

The IM/IT services included in the competition are: (1) automation services and systems support, (2) communications services and systems support, (3) information assurance service and support, (4) record management services and support, (5) printing and publication services, (6) visual information services, and (7) IM/IT administration and management. There are approximately 1,350 position and 550 different contractors currently providing these services at 45 Corps sites throughout the United States.

The competition will take eighteen months to complete, and is scheduled to end on Nov. 29, 2005. There is no request for proposals at this time; however, a draft request will be issued in November 2004 for comment. A second notice will be issued when the final request for proposals is released.

The announcement of a competition does not obligate the Government to award any contract. Under the A-76 standard competition procedure, the in-house government organization currently performing the work will be allowed to compete against the private sector and other public reimbursable service providers for the referenced work. Accordingly, a contract may or may not be awarded as a result of the competition.

This competition is being conducted as part of the President's Management Agenda, which requires all federal agencies to streamline and become more effective.