



Briefing to the Deputy Secretary

Improving DOE's Acquisition Forecasting and Lead-Time Information

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Issue

DOE needs to improve the timeliness and quality of information made available to the public on its future and on-going acquisitions.

Objective

Improve the nature of, and accessibility to, the kind of procurement information that is important to DOE management, the public, industry, and other DOE stakeholders.

- ❑ Complements a series of actions to improve DOE's acquisition planning, business clearance, and competitive solicitation processes.



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Approach

Identify and implement measures to improve transparency and visibility of acquisition forecast and lead-time information.

Key Steps

- ❑ Convened an ad-hoc team of senior program, procurement and legal experts to assess current systemic deficiencies, identified areas of improvement, and solutions.
- ❑ Benchmarked other agencies to determine nature and extent of acquisition information made available and identify potential “best practices”.

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Results

- ❑ Created a prominent link to the “Doing Business with DOE” website on the DOE Home Page
 - Significantly improves visibility and access to information.

- ❑ Expand scope of existing Small Business *“Forecast of Prime and Subcontracting Opportunities”* to *“DOE Acquisition Forecast.”*
 - Infrastructure already in place - used today by field contracting offices, facilities management contractors, and small business program managers.
 - Public/industry are familiar with system format and functions.
 - Nominal cost for programming enhancements.



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Key Features

- ❑ Posts opportunities spanning a minimum 3-year period.
- ❑ Will provide extensive detail for each opportunity, including:
 - Expanded quarterly milestone information (pre-solicitation to award).
 - Direct links to DOE's E-Center (business systems, etc.).
 - Type of Acquisition (FMC, Full and Open, Set-aside, etc.).
 - Acquisition Description/Estimated value.
 - Detailed incumbent contract information.
 - DOE Contracting, Program, Small Business points of contact.



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- ❑ Provides a variety of search/sorting capabilities, including by:
 - Fiscal Year of estimated award.
 - Contract Type (Prime, Subcontract).
 - DOE Contracting Activity.
 - DOE Program Element.
 - Place of Performance.

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Implementation

- ❑ Reprogramming of system to be completed 5/18/07.
- ❑ Instruction/guidance to programs/contracting activities issued NLT 5/18/07.
- ❑ System fully populated by NLT 6/1/07.
- ❑ Communications Plan: market via FedBizOpps, Press Release, DOECAST, by NLT 6/15/07.