

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will be issuing several Requests for Proposals (RFP) for competitive procurements in the near future. This synopsis is for information only and provides an outline of upcoming and potential future requirements of the USPTO. The USPTO needs a portfolio of contracts that can provide the flexibility to fulfill the majority of its Information Technology (IT) services and needs. All of the RFPs below will encompass the USPTO Chief Information Office Systems Development Life Cycle methodology and include common terms, conditions and provisions such as Certification and Accreditation and Earned Value Management.

1. The USPTO intends to conduct a full and open competition for Infrastructure, Design, Engineering, Architecture, and Integration (IDEAI) requirements. This competition is for services similar to that currently being performed under the Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance (SETA) contracts with General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT), no. 50PAPT201006 and Project Performance Corporation (PPC) no. 50PAPT201026. The USPTO anticipates making multiple awards resulting from this solicitation to both large and small business. Any conflict of interest concerns will be addressed at the task order level. Award is planned by 29 August 2008 to allow for a contract transition.
2. To provide adequate time to conduct the IDEAI competitive procurement the USPTO intends to extend the current SETA contracts on a sole-source basis for six months, through 30 September 2008.
3. The USPTO intends to conduct a 100% small business set-aside competitive procurement for Information Technology Operations and Maintenance (ITOM). This competition is for services similar to that currently being performed under the Facilities Management and End User Support (FMEUS) contract no. 50PAPT201025, with Trawick and Associates, with the exception of the Help Desk services which are addressed in paragraph number 4 below. It is anticipated that the resulting RFP will provide for the possibility of separate awards. For example, individual awards may be made for tasks relating to Facilities Management and End-User Support. Awards are planned on or before 30 June 2008.
4. The USPTO intends to conduct a 100% small business set-aside competitive procurement for Help Desk Tier 1 services and Help Desk Tier 2 and 3 services. This competition is for services similar to that currently being performed under the Facilities Management and End User Support (FMEUS) contract no. 50PAPT201025, with Trawick and Associates. It is anticipated that Help Desk Tier 1 services will be awarded separately from Help Desk Tier 2 and 3. It is also anticipated that the vendor awarded Help Desk Tier 1 services will be barred from award for Help Desk Tier 2 and 3 services and any resultant contract awards for the requirements as outlined in paragraph 3 above, due to conflict of interest. Awards are planned on or before 30 June 2008.

5. The USPTO intends to conduct a full and open competitive procurement for Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V). This competition is for services similar to that currently being performed under the Information Technology Product Assurance (ITPA) contract with SRA International Inc., (formerly Galaxy Scientific) Contract no. DOC50PAPT0401006. The USPTO intends to make multiple awards resulting from this solicitation to both large and small business. This contract will have a very strict conflict of interest clause and will prevent the awardees from being eligible for award of other IT contracts at the USPTO for the period of performance of the contract. The specifics of the conflict of interest clause will be included in the solicitation. The solicitation is not scheduled for release until late in FY 2008 with anticipated award in FY 2009.
6. The USPTO is currently developing its acquisition strategy for Security Engineering, Certification and Accreditation and Continuous Monitoring of USPTO systems. The solicitation is not scheduled for release until late in FY 2008 with anticipated award in FY 2009.
7. Details as to evaluation criteria, teaming arrangement evaluation and subcontracting requirements will be provided in the individual solicitations.
8. Solicitations and information on any of the items contained in this notice will be available from: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/currproj.htm> .