

## **RFQ to establish Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Comprehensive Professional Energy Services (CPES)**

*Excerpt from subsection D.3.2 Technical Submission under section D.3 Format for Submission:*

### **D.3.2.2 Socioeconomic Status**

GSA is committed to assuring that maximum practicable opportunity is provided to small, HUBZone small, disadvantaged small, women-owned small, veteran-owned small and service-disabled veteran owned small business concerns to participate in the performance of this BPA consistent with its efficient performance. This acquisition will have a strong preference for small business concerns. The greatest preference will be to establish BPAs with small team leads or prime Contractors. The next preference will be to establish BPAs with other than small team leads or prime Contractors that demonstrate aggressive small business subcontracting goals. Aggressive small business subcontracting goals are goals that are a greater percentage above what is in the contractor's GSA Schedule contract. The Contractor's achievement of its GSA Schedule small business subcontracting goals as well as the dollar value of the small business goals offered will also be evaluated. All large business Contractors with a subcontracting plan shall be required to submit copies of its approved subcontracting plan under its GSA Schedule contract and its latest annual subcontracting report (Standard Form 295). Contractors shall recertify its current size status and business type in its quote. All responding Contractors whose size status is "other than small" shall submit a Small Business – Subcontracting plan with its quote. This will be an evaluation factor. Subcontracting goals proposed for this BPA shall exceed the small business subcontracting goals approved under the Contractor's GSA Schedule contract. Small businesses contractors shall be considered to have met the requirements of this evaluation factor. In a teaming arrangement, the Government will consider the leading Contractor's socioeconomic status as the team's status.

*Excerpt from subsection D.4.1 Evaluation Factors under section D.4 Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process:*

Socioeconomic Status –The Government will evaluate the contractor's achievement of its GSA Schedule small business subcontracting goals as well as the dollar value of the small business goals offered. The Government will give the highest rating to small business entities. The next highest rating will be given to other than small businesses whose subcontracting plans and latest annual subcontracting reports exceed goals approved under its GSA Schedule contract. Large firms that have not exceeded its GSA Schedule subcontracting goals will receive a neutral rating.

## **RFQ to establish Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative (FSSI) - Office Supplies (First Generation)**

*Excerpt from subsection D.3.2 Technical Submission under section D.3 Format for Technical Submission:*

### **D.3.2.2 Socio-economic Status**

The NAICS code is 453210 and the small business size standard is 500 employees. Contractor shall state its size status (if a team or consortium, if it represents small businesses only). Although large businesses will also be considered, it is the policy of the Federal Government to encourage the full participation of small businesses in the procurement process. In order to maximize small business participation, GSA is seeking qualified small businesses, including consortiums and contractor teaming arrangements.

*Excerpt from subsection D.4.1 Evaluation Factors under section D.4 Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process:*

### **D.4.1.1-2 Socio-Economic Status**

It is the policy of the Government to encourage the full participation of small businesses in the procurement process. Quotes from small business contractors will receive the maximum for this evaluation factor. There will be a strong preference for small business participation. Achievement of agency socio-economic objectives is designated as a source selection factor, which, when combined with price and other factors, may make the offer of a small business the best value.

Large business will receive a neutral rating for this evaluation factor.

*Excerpt from section D.5 Selection and Award:*

D.5.1 A strong preference for small business participation is sought for this procurement. Achievement of socio-economic objectives will be designated as a source selection factor, which when combined with price and other non-price is significantly more important. This result in the best value quotes being those from small business contractors.

Quotes from small business contractors will receive the maximum for the socio-economic evaluation factor. Large business will receive a neutral rating for this evaluation factor.

Within the technical factor, socioeconomic status is more important than the technical and management approach, past performance, and capability and capacity.

The technical factor is more important than the price factor.

## **RFQ to establish Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Acquisition Management Support Services (AMSS)**

*Excerpt from subsection D.3.2 Technical Submission under section D.3 Format for Technical Submission:*

### **D.3.2.5. Socioeconomic Status**

Within the technical submission, each Contractor shall indicate its socioeconomic status. The applicable NAICS code is 541611 and the small business size standard is \$6.5 million, as indicated in the MOBIS Schedule terms and conditions. In the case of a Contractor teaming arrangements or consortiums, all participating Contractors must be small businesses in order to qualify as a small business for the purposes of this evaluation.

*Excerpt from subsection D.4.1 Evaluation Factors under section D.4 Evaluation Criteria and Selection Process:*

Socioeconomic Status - It is the policy of the Government to encourage the full participation of small businesses in the procurement process. As a result, this RFQ includes a preference for small businesses. Quotes from small businesses will receive the maximum rating for this evaluation factor, while other than small businesses will receive a neutral rating.

*Excerpt from section D.5 Selection and Award:*

The technical factors, when combined, are significantly more important than price. Price will be considered and evaluated in determining the overall best value to the Government. As the technical merits of the quotes become more equal, price may become the determining factor.