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PEO EIS PARTICIPATES IN AFCEA NOVA CROSS SERVICE FORUM

By: Ms. Katherine Morgan, PEO EIS Communications

On Oct. 14, representatives from Army PEO EIS, Navy PEO EIS and the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) gathered in Tyson’s Corner, Virginia, for the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) NOVA chapter Cross Service PEO EIS Small Business Forum. After a keynote address from Ms. Barbara Hoffman, acting deputy director of the Provisional Joint Information Technology Service Provider Pentagon, each service held a panel discussion highlighting specific small business activities and providing insight on how to do business with their respective organizations.

Deputy PEO, Ms. Terry Watson, led the Army panel that included Mr. Reginald Bagby, director, Contracts, Logistics and Process Improvement, and Mr. Michael Padden, project manager, Installations Information Infrastructure – Communications and Capabilities (I3C2). Ms. Watson provided an overview of PEO EIS, during which she discussed the newly announced organizational structure and provided its first official public debut. Ms. Watson also stressed the important role small business plays in driving innovation not only in PEO EIS, but DOD-wide. She highlighted the newly added Security Cooperation Enterprise Solution, a jointly managed program with the Navy and Air Force for which there will be many small business efforts. Ms. Watson concluded her speech by emphasizing EIS’s interest in seeking innovative approaches to acquisition.



Ms. Terry Watson

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Mr. Reginald Bagby



Mr. James Kline



Mr. Michael Padden



Ms. Stacy Watson



Ms. Terry Watson



Mr. Michael Padden

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Mr. Herbert Hunter (L) and Mr. James Kline (R)

Mr. Bagby and Mr. Padden then took the stage to provide insight into their respective EIS domains. **Mr. Bagby presented strategic sourcing solutions**, noting the importance of leveraging the Army's resources to spend efficiently. He discussed upcoming procurement opportunities for **Integrated Personnel and Pay Systems – Army (IPPS-A)**, **Human Resource Solutions and Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES)** – AMDC-3 and ITES-3S, remarking that some CHES contracts will be specifically reserved for small business. Mr. Padden, declaring, "The sun never sets on I3C2," **focused his discussion on small business procurement opportunities** within the program, including defense cyber-security, network modernization and installation campus area networks. **Mr. Herbert Hunter** and **Ms. Cynthia Crews** from AFLCMC followed, with the final panel briefing by **Mr. Victor Gavin**, Navy PEO EIS, and three of his deputy project managers.

Mr. James Kline, director of Operations, participated in a luncheon "Shark Tank" exercise with Mr. Gavin and Mr. Hunter, as well as **Ms. Emily Harman**, director, Office of Small Business Programs, Navy. The exercise led three industry volunteers through a hypothetical pitch with the government panel of "sharks" to demonstrate how not to pitch, as well as tips for maximizing vendor meetings with program leadership.

The Shark Tank exercise was followed by a "speed dating" event, which paired government leadership with industry for brief vendor meetings to discuss their products and services. Mr. Bagby, Mr. Padden and **Ms. Stacy Watson**, enterprise services division chief, CHES, participated for Army. Concurrent to these meetings were presentations from Air Force, Navy and Defense Information Systems Agency on how to do business with their offices and a matchmaking opportunity for primes and subcontractors.



IPPS-A ATTENDS ANNUAL NGAUS CONFERENCE

By: Ms. Katherine Hutton, IPPS-A Communications Support

From Sept. 10-13, the **Integrated Personnel and Pay System – Army (IPPS-A)** team participated in the **National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) General Conference** in Nashville, Tennessee. The NGAUS conference is a large annual event for Army National Guard members to unite and to hear from senior Guard and Army leadership, including members of Congress. **COL Darby McNulty**, IPPS-A program manager, **COL Rob Parsons**, G-1 functional representative, two subject matter experts and their communications support team were on hand to discuss IPPS-A with members of the National Guard, from all over the country. **The Army National Guard was the first group of Soldiers to whom IPPS-A Increment I was deployed** and will also be the first to receive Increment II.

While at NGAUS, **the IPPS-A team interacted with over 100 conference attendees and collected live survey data** through mobile devices to assess Soldiers' understanding and perception of IPPS-A. The data will also be used to identify how Soldiers prefer to receive information about the IPPS-A program.

COL McNulty remarked on the value of attending the conference, saying, "NGAUS was a great opportunity to speak with this valued audience. We gained a lot of insight from users' questions and opinions. IPPS-A looks forward to attending NGAUS in the coming years to continue to interact with our stakeholders and receive their feedback."

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HR SOLUTIONS MEETS WITH INDUSTRY

By: Mr. Glenn Hershfeld, HR Solutions Communications

Human Resources (HR) Solutions and Army Contracting Command – New Jersey, (ACC-NJ) held an industry day Sept. 9 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, to provide the most updated information regarding HR Solutions' fifth generation of Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts scheduled for award in early 2017. **These contracts will support Army and DOD Human Resource Services requirements from 2017 to 2027** and nearly 100 industry leaders representing 64 companies were in attendance.

To prepare for the event, HR Solutions released a draft request for proposal on [FedBizOpps](#) and solicited questions from industry. Over 100 questions were then grouped by common themes. Once each theme had been addressed, the answers were incorporated into briefings.

Director **Mr. Brent Thomas** provided a comprehensive overview of HR Solutions, including the program's history, current operations and recent designation as the Army's preferred source for human resource services, as well as his vision for the future. **Ms. Cindy Geiss**, procurement contracting officer, ACC-NJ, provided insight to HR Solutions' fifth generation IDIQ contract acquisition strategy.

Industry attendees were also given the opportunity to submit written questions for topics not covered during the briefings. During the lunch break, the HR Solutions and ACC-NJ teams coordinated answers to the written questions, and Mr. Thomas facilitated a question and answer session. Following the meeting, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Geiss spoke with several of the industry leaders and received overwhelmingly positive feedback, which helped to reinforce the importance of active industry engagement across PEO EIS.



ACWS TEAM SEEKS INDUSTRY FEEDBACK FOR RFP

By: Ms. Pamella Gray, GFEBS Communications

On Sept. 17 and 18, **Army Contract Writing System (ACWS)** hosted a **pre-solicitation conference** at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia, to gather industry feedback on their draft request for proposal (RFP). The goal of the event, according to ACWS Product Manager **LTC Robert Wolfe**, was to “ensure that we craft our RFP so that we get the best proposals from industry, ensure maximum competition and so that we can get a responsive and adaptive contract writing system in the hands of our Army Contracting Officers.” LTC Wolfe went on to say, “We have a goal to release the RFP in the first quarter of fiscal year 2016 — it is aggressive and ambitious... there is a lot of work and documentation required to release a request for proposal.”

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LTC Robert Wolfe (L) and MAJ Nicole Clark (R)

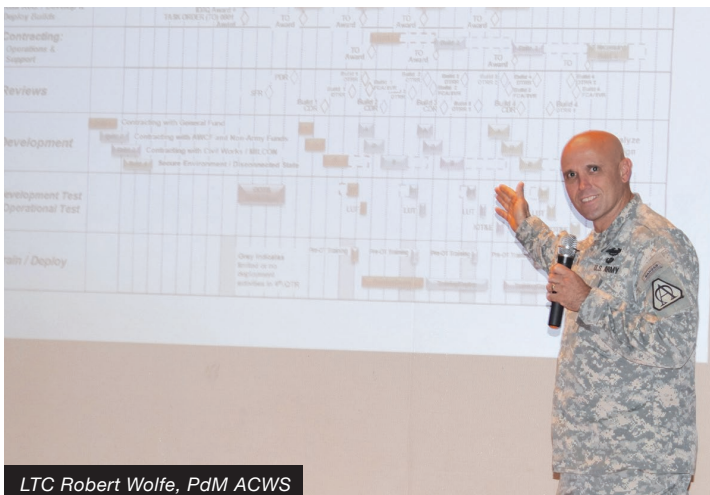
Over 120 industry participants representing 41 separate companies were in attendance and many participated in one-on-one sessions with ACWS Government representatives. Army Contracting Command – Rock Island contracting officer, **Mr. Neal Williams**, and Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army – Procurement director of enterprise business systems, **Mr. Greg Youmans**, also participated in the conference.

COL William Russell, the project manager for General Fund Enterprise Business System, provided opening remarks and declared his support for the ACWS team’s efforts. “Our team provided an overview of the requirements, program and contracting strategy to potential ACWS vendors, and [allowed] potential vendors to provide feedback and comments regarding the draft request for proposal,” Russell stated. “This is the right way to do business.”

After the conference, LTC Wolfe stated, “The requirements for ACWS are unchanged. Some of them are being edited for clarification. This conference pointed out areas that we can edit or revise the final RFP to ensure that industry clearly understands our requirements.” The ACWS draft request for proposal was posted on [FedBizOpps](#) with a deadline of Sept. 21 for providing feedback to the contracting officer. As the project moves forward, LTC Wolfe will review industry feedback and make minor revisions to the RFP, as necessary, to enhance the quality of final proposal submissions and source selection.



From L to R: Dr. Li-Chuan Chen, ACWS technology manager; Mr. Duy D. Nguyen, system engineer, MITRE Corporation; Mr. Neal L. Williams, Army Contracting Command - Rock Island contracting officer



LTC Robert Wolfe, PdM ACWS

BAT-A LEADS THE WAY

TRANSITIONING FROM QRC TO POR

By: Mr. Rene Alaniz, Product Support Manager, BAT-A

DOD Biometrics achieved a significant accomplishment in July when it obtained approval to transition the **Biometrics Automated Toolkit – Army (BAT-A)** from a quick reaction capability (QRC) to a program of record (POR). However, as one of the first QRCs to make this transition, **BAT-A faces multiple hurdles as it makes its way to becoming a POR.** Recognizing the need to create a strategy to overcome these obstacles, DOD Biometrics hosted a multi-command product support management integrated product team (PSM IPT) for BAT-A on Aug. 27 in Alexandria, Virginia.

The **PSM IPT pulled together experts from across the Army** to jointly develop an optimal product support strategy and tackle issues including gaining full material release approval, identifying and completing required documentation, and shifting from overseas contingency operations funding to competing for programmed funding. Acknowledging the effort, DOD Biometrics Project Manager **COL Don Hurst** said, “I attribute the success of the PSM IPT to the professionalism and team-oriented approach the BAT-A group embraced, synchronizing our efforts with the larger stakeholder community.”

BAT-A may be one of the first QRCs to transition to a POR, but the DOD does not intend for the trend to decline, as it has emphasized the need to develop efficient and effective methods to accelerate POR transitions. With that in mind, the **PSM IPT developed their BAT-A strategy with the underlying intent that it will pave the way for future QRC transitions.** As the BAT-A transition goes forward, the team will continue regular meetings with key stakeholders to ensure the process is handled diligently and that Soldiers feel no ill effects while moving into the new method of operation.



Stakeholders gathered in Alexandria, VA, to offer insight and guidance on a path to support BAT-A's transition from a QRC to POR.

MC4 HOSTS INAUGURAL TOWN HALL AND ORG DAY

By: MC4 Strategic Communications Office

New Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) Product Director (PD) **Mr. Matthew Maier** hosted his first Town Hall in August, where he formally introduced himself to the workforce and shared his vision for MC4. The agenda also included presentations from Deputy PD **Mr. Steve Reichard**, who discussed human resources issues, Assistant PD **MAJ (P) Mario Zaltzman**, who discussed his role as MC4 liaison to Joint Operational Medicine Information Systems, and Assistant PD **LTC Jon St. John**, who shared the near-term path ahead for the organization.



The MC4 team participated in the Town Hall

After the Town Hall, **MC4 staff enjoyed a luau-themed Organization Day celebration**, giving staff a chance to mix, mingle and play the afternoon away via a variety of goofy, clever and sometimes challenging team-building activities. Despite the threat of rain, the Town Hall and Organization Day were resounding successes. Staff were invited to bring their families to the afternoon festivities, creating the perfect summer-time diversion.

Mr. Maier, a people-centric leader who puts an emphasis on communication, transparency and collaboration remarked, "I think today was great. People really enjoyed it, and I was glad out be out with everyone. I love seeing everyone engaged and participating."

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EVENTS

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Veteran's Day

16 NOVEMBER
LMP Industry Day
Wood Theater, FT Belvoir

17 NOVEMBER
AFCEA Belvoir Luncheon,
FT Belvoir Officers Club

26 NOVEMBER
Thanksgiving Day

ACWS

CHANGE OF CHARTER

By: Ms. Pamella Gray, GFEBS Communications

On Aug. 7, Product Manager, **Army Contract Writing System (ACWS)** changed charter at a ceremony held hosted by **COL William Russell**, project manager for General Fund Enterprise Business System, at the historic George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. **LTC Ossie Peacock**, who has led ACWS since its inception in 2013, relinquished the charter to **LTC Robert Wolfe**.

During the ceremony, COL Russell noted his appreciation for LTC Peacock's leadership saying, "LTC Peacock, you took this to the right spot. You set LTC Wolfe up to take this program to completion."

ACWS will be the Army's next-generation, enterprise contract writing system, and is designed to meet the contract activity requirements of all Army users including forward-deployed users without network access, installations, weapons systems and secure contracting missions.



LTC Peacock (L), COL Russell (Middle) and LTC Wolfe (R)



COL Russell (L) and LTC Wolfe (R)

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