

Sources Sought Notice

This is a Sources Sought Notice and should not be construed as a solicitation announcement.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Middle East District (CETAM) is contemplating issuing a series of contracts to individual certified Afghan companies that can provide Operations and Maintenance (O&M) services for various Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) which includes the Afghanistan National Army (ANA), and Afghanistan National Police (ANP) and other installations in the provinces and districts throughout Afghanistan. It is anticipated that the contracts will be issued with a base period of performance of eight (8) months with one (1) four (4) month option period.

To qualify, your company shall have the required experience to meet the below Performance Work Statement summary, you must be registered in System for Award Management (SAMS), have a current Contractor and Government Entity (CAGE) code, and be eligible for Section 886 awards as indicated below. It is anticipated that any requirement, if developed, shall be issued as limited competition under the authority of the U.S. Public Law 110-181, Section 886 (Afghan First Program) and implemented in Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 225.77, Acquisitions in Support of Operations in Afghanistan.

We are not requesting a proposal from your company and this notice will not result in a contract. Request that you send your capability statement addressing the below requirements to:

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Interested companies are invited to submit a capability statement to the above contact no later than 2:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern Daylight Time, on April 28, 2015. Capability statements must be submitted in writing. Submissions are required to be made by email with the subject line to read W912ER-15-R-0019 Sources Sought. The capabilities statement shall address:

- (1) Your experience performing work for USACE or other organizations/companies similar to the requirements listed below;
- (2) The dates when the similar services were performed;
- (3) The dollar value or magnitude of the services performed;
- (4) The location(s) in which the work was performed;
- (5) The organization name(s) and contact information for customers on the services;

(6) Any other information that provides evidence of your capability to successfully perform this level of work.

(7) Evidence that your company is registered in the System for Award Management (www.sam.gov);

(8) Your companies Joint Contracting and Contingency Services (JCCS) number (www.jccs.gov) and;

(9) Evidence of your company's eligibility to receive work under the Section 886 (Afghan First) Program. The following criteria shall be considered in determining whether a source is located in Afghanistan for purposes of this Request for Information:

a. The source must be incorporated in Afghanistan or must have its principal place of business in Afghanistan, as indicated in the source's licensing or registration documentation.

b. An Afghan source must hold a current operating license by a Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) licensing authority with a physical address in Afghanistan. A number of GIROA entities issue licenses, depending on the type of enterprise. These license-issuing entities include, but are not limited to: Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA); Ministry of Commerce and Industries; Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock; Ministry of Communications; Ministry of Economy; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Information and Culture; Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Mines and Industry; Ministry of Public Health; Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development; Ministry of Transportation and Civil Aviation; and Ministry of Urban Affairs.

c. An Afghan source must hold an Afghan Tax Identification Number (TIN).

Requirements – Performance Work Statement Summary:

USACE, CETAM has a requirement for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) services for critical infrastructure and critical facilities throughout Afghanistan. The O&M services that will be required in these contracts provide for life sustaining facilities, such as power plants, wastewater treatment plants, solid waste collection and disposal, water treatment, and HVAC maintenance and repair to facilitate Afghan National Security Forces ANSF, which includes the Afghan National Police (ANP) and the Afghan National Army (ANA), security operations throughout the provinces of Afghanistan. USACE's objective is to maintain functional ANSF sites and facilities through multiple performance-based or series of performance-based individual contracts.

The Contractor is required to provide all management, supervision, labor, materials and supplies, tools, equipment, spare parts, security, transportation, contractor life support and satisfactory operations, scheduled and unscheduled maintenance and repairs of equipment and systems for facility O&M services in support of ANSF sites and facilities

located in provinces throughout Afghanistan. O&M services support includes operation, maintenance, and repair of real property inventories/facilities and completion of related services. O&M services may only focus on critical facilities (CF) and critical infrastructure (CI). Examples of CI are waste water treatment facilities, water treatment facilities, heating ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC). Examples of CF include hospitals and other structures to be identified by CSTC-A. All work performed by the contractor shall be by qualified personnel in accordance with US Government and Host Nation laws and applicable regulations.

The Contractor shall develop and maintain accurate and complete records, files, and libraries of documents to include local regulations, codes, laws, technical manuals, and manufacturer's instructions and recommendations, which are necessary and related to the functions being performed. The Contractor shall compile historical data, prepare required reports, and submit information as specified in the contract. The Contractor shall respond promptly to changes in current operations and troop strength at existing installations. The Contractor shall assume total responsibility for all requirements upon contract award.

The Government's objective is for the Contractor to operate and maintain critical infrastructure and facilities using best commercial practices at the lowest possible cost in a safe, secure, and environmentally acceptable manner. This requirement would be exclusively a USACE non-personal services contract to provide O&M services; therefore, the US Government shall not exercise any supervision or control over the contract service providers performing the services herein. Such contract service providers shall be accountable solely to the Prime Contractor who, in turn, is responsible to the US Government. The Contractor shall respond to and successfully perform required services for Afghan National Security Forces under the MOI and MOD located at base camps and standalone remote sites.

The submission of this information is for planning purposes only. It is not to be construed as a commitment by the Government to procure any services, nor does the Middle East District intend to award a contract on the basis of this request for information or otherwise pay for the information solicited.