

SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE FOR
P162 AGILE CHEMICAL FACILITY
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER (NSWC)
INDIAN HEAD, MARYLAND

NAVFAC Washington is soliciting comments for the construction community addressing the potential use of Project Labor Agreements (PLA) for a large scale construction project (exceeding \$25 million) within the Indian Head, Maryland area. This procurement is for project P162, Phase 2 of the Agile Chemical Facility (ACF) for Naval Surface Warfare Center- Indian Head Division (IHDIV) at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head, Indian Head, Maryland. The project supports nitrate ester manufacturing at the Biazzi Plant in order to meet IHDIV's mission to produce energetic chemicals for the defense community. Nitrate esters include Otto Fuel (torpedo fuel), Nitroglycerine (NG), Propylene Glycol Dinitrate (PGDN), Trimethylolethane Trinitrate (TMETN), Triethylene Glycol Dinitrate (TEGDN), Diethylene Glycol Dinitrate (DEGDN), and Butanetriol Trinitrate (BTTN).

MILCON P162 includes construction of new buildings, tanks, containment structures, and other supporting equipment and facilities. The project scope also includes upgrades to storage and delivery facilities for chemicals and raw materials, product manufacturing, handling, and transfer facilities, as well as waste treatment facilities. Finally, the P162 scope includes demolition of several of the buildings at the Biazzi Plant and all of the buildings at the Moser Plant once the ACF has completed start-up and proven production capabilities. Existing buildings to be demolished or renovated will be decontaminated of explosives prior to demolition and renovation under this contract.

A PLA is defined as a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement with one or more labor organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for a specific construction project and is an agreement described in 29 U.S.C 158(f). Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Policy: (a) Project Labor Agreement (PLA) is a tool that agencies may use to promote economy and efficiency in Federal procurement. Pursuant to Executive Order 13502, agencies are encouraged to consider requiring the use of project labor agreements in connection with large-scale construction projects. (b) An agency may, if appropriate, require that every contractor and subcontractor engaged in construction on the project agree, for that project, to negotiate or become a party to a project labor agreement with one or more labor organizations if the agency decides that the use of project labor agreements will (1) Advance the Federal Government's interest in achieving economy and efficiency in Federal procurement, producing labor-management stability, and ensuring compliance with laws and regulations governing safety and health, equal employment opportunity, labor and employment standards, and other matters; and (2) Be consistent with law. Reference: Provision: 52.222-33 Notice of Requirement for Project Labor Agreement Clause 52.222-34 Project Labor Agreement.

Request responses to the following questions:

- (1) Should PLAs be executed on selected large dollar contracts in the Washington DC Metropolitan area?
- (2) Are there concerns by prime contractors on the availability of skilled construction labor?

- (3) Would a PLA benefit a project which contains a unique and compelling mission-critical schedule?
- (4) What type of project should not be considered for PLA clauses?
- (5) What is the time impact to the completion of the contract due to a PLA?
- (6) What is the cost impact to the bid due to a PLA?
- (7) What other factors should NAVFAC consider before deciding to include PLA provisions in a Washington DC Metropolitan contract?

Responses shall be submitted via email to Stephen Astwood at stephen.astwood@navy.mil and to Carolyn Sulla at carolyn.sulla@navy.mil no later than 2:00 PM EST on 14 November 2011.

This is NOT a Request for Proposal and does not constitute any commitment by the Government. Responses to this labor market survey will be used by the Government to make appropriate acquisition decisions. All interested sources must respond to future solicitation announcements separately from responses to this survey.

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