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A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to obtain contractor qualifications for which the resulting contract, by means of negotiated firm fixed-price procurement, will be awarded. The solicitation will be advertised as Unrestricted Full and Open Competition. Formal source selection procedures will be followed to award to the Best Value Source Selection (BVSS) offeror as prescribed by Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Part 15 as applicable. The contract will be procured using competitive proposals as it has been determined in accordance with FAR 6.401 to be the most appropriate method of contracting for the subject project.

This solicitation will be issued as N40085-14-R-5206. The awarded contract will be a Design/Bid/Build Construction Project for P308 “**Very Low Frequency (VLF) Commercial Power Connection**” located at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic (NCTAMS LANT) Detachment (Det) in Cutler Maine.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT:

The project will install a dedicated, underwater, 34.5 kV subsea power transmission and fiber optic cable system (approximately 6.7 miles submerged) between the utility provider-owned substation near Howard Cove and NCTAMS LANT Det Cutler, VLF power plant. The subsea cable will be buried up to five feet below the sea bottom in Machias Bay. Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be used to make the landfall transitions for the subsea cable on each side of Machias Bay. At each landing, one borehole will be drilled using HDD technology. The estimated length of the bores is 900 feet at the Cutler landing and 1,200 feet at the Howard Cove landing. The subsea cable will terminate at a new underground transition vault on shore.

Construction also includes modifications to the existing power plant at NCTAMS LANT Det Cutler and construction of a new substation at the NCTAMS LANT Det Cutler power plant.

The magnitude of construction for this project is between \$10,000,000 and \$25,000,000. The Northern American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this project is 237130. The estimated period of performance for this project is 555 calendar days from date of award (includes 15 days for payment and performance bonds processing).

The Government intends on issuing the solicitation, to include plans and specifications, approximately **February 2014**. All documents will be posted on the <https://www.fbo.gov/or> <https://www.neco.navy.mil/> website, in the Adobe Acrobat PDF file format and downloadable from the website. The Acrobat Reader is required to view the PDF files. All prospective offerors **MUST** register themselves on the website. All contractors are encouraged to attempt download prior to obtaining the solicitation through alternate sources. Amendments will also be posted on the website.

This is the normal method for distributing amendments; therefore, it is the offerors' responsibility to check the website periodically for any amendments to this solicitation. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals prior to award and also to negotiate with any or all offerors. **OFFERORS ARE ADVISED AN AWARD IS ANTICIPATED WITHOUT DISCUSSIONS OR ANY CONTACT CONCERNING THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED.** Offerors should not assume they would be contacted, or afforded the opportunity to qualify, discuss, or revise their proposals.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All prospective offerors must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database (www.sam.gov) and the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) database (<https://orca.bpn.gov>). Contractors will be searched against the Excluded Parties List (EPL) to ensure they are eligible for federal contract awards. Contractors are encouraged to register for the solicitation when downloading from the website. The information being requested does not constitute a commitment on the part of the Government to award a contract nor to pay for any costs incurred as a result of replying to this notice.

Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), has established the Navy Commercial Access Control System (NCACS), a standardized process for granting unescorted access privileges to vendors, contractors, suppliers and service providers not otherwise entitled to the issuance of a Common Access Card (CAC) who seek access to and can provide justification to enter Navy installations and facilities. Visiting vendors may obtain daily passes directly from the individual Navy installations by submitting identification credentials for verification and undergoing a criminal screening/ background check. Alternatively, if the vendor so chooses, it may voluntarily elect to obtain long-term credentials through enrollment, registration, background vetting, screening, issuance of credentials, and electronic validation of credentials at its own cost through a designated independent contractor NCACS service provider. Credentials will be issued every five years and access privileges will be reviewed/renewed on an annual basis. The costs incurred to obtain Navy installation access of any kind are not reimbursable, and the price(s) paid for obtaining long-term NCACS credentials will not be approved as a direct cost of this contract. Further information regarding NCACS is forthcoming.