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Synopsis:

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 SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE (SSN) / MARKET RESEARCH
 for
 Unmanned Aircraft Systems And Parts
 on behalf of
 Product Manager Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (PdM SUAS)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 Solicitation Number: NA (future W911QY-15-R-XXXX)
 Posted Date: 13 FEB 2015
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 Classification Codes: 15 - Aircraft and Airframe Structural Components
 NAICS: 336411 with a Small Business Administration size standard of 1,500 employees.

DESCRIPTION

This is a Sources Sought Notification (SSN) only, as defined in FAR 15.201 (e). It does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this SSN. Responses to this notice shall not be construed as offers and cannot be accepted by the government to form a binding contract. The U.S. government will not pay for any information or administrative cost incurred in response to this SSN. All costs associated with responding to this SSN will be solely at the expense of the interested party. Not responding to this SSN will not preclude participation in any future RFP if issued.

The Government is conducting market research for the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) Product Office (SUAS PdO), Redstone Arsenal, Alabama to identify and determine potential sources to support the SUAS PdO and its customers for acquisition of Small Unmanned Arial Vehicle

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systems and parts.

This SSN is issued for the purpose of conducting market research which will be used to formulate an acquisition strategy. There is no solicitation package available at this time. This SSN allows potential contractors to submit a non-binding statement of interest and documentation demonstrating their corporate capabilities, size and social economic characterization IAW NAICS 336411 SBA size standards and suggestions that will allow the government to refine its potential acquisition course of action for this effort.

The information provided herein is subject to change and in no way binds the government to solicit for or award a competitive contract.

BACKGROUND

The current fleet of Raven (RQ-11B) and Puma (RQ-20A) AECV (All Environment Capable Variant) SUAS is managed by the SUAS PdO, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The RQ-11B and RQ-20A are Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Targeting, Acquisition, (RSTA) tools. The systems transmit live airborne video images, compass headings and location information to a Ground Control Station (GCS) and to a Laptop Computer. This capability enables operators to navigate, search for targets, recognize terrain, and record all information for analysis. A system generally consists of the following basic components: Unmanned Aircraft (UAs); Ground Control Station (GCS); Electro-Optic/Infrared (EO/IR) Payloads; RSTA Computer Kit and Field Repair Kit. An Initial Spares Package (ISP) is included for operation and support of the basic system components. Current systems fielded are the RQ-11B and the RQ-20A; other systems may be added in the future.

REQUIREMENTS SCOPE

The Natick Contracting Division-Orlando Branch, on behalf of the SUAS PdO, is seeking qualified business candidates that can provide systems and parts (for any existing systems) to support the full spectrum of SUAS for current and future Warfighter needs.

Potential vendors should have the capability to immediately provide SUAS systems such as RQ-11B, RQ-20A, Short Range Micro (SRM) and Nano Air vehicle (and the parts and components contained in Attachment 1-13 of the attached Draft SOW). Should the vendor choose to propose a different SUAS system that meets the Salient Characteristics defined in the draft SOW, the vendor is additionally required to provide the parts, spares and components contained in draft SOW Attachment 1-13 to support the SUAS RQ-11B and RQ-20A systems that are already fielded. Attachment 3 is the number of systems/quantity of fielded.

The Government is anticipating that interested companies will attend the tentatively planned mid-to-late March 2015 Industry day at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville AL.

NAICS CODE AND SIZE STANDARD

The NAICS Code for this effort is 336411 with a Small Business Administration size standard of 1500 employees.

TYPE OF CONTRACT

The government is considering a Multi-Award, Firm Fixed-Price (FFP), Indefinite Quantity-Indefinite Delivery (ID/IQ) award. A final decision as to the type of competition will result from an analysis of this SSN.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Written responses to this SSN are requested to be no more than 10 single-spaced, 8.5 x 11 inch pages using 12 point Times New Roman font minimum. If the material provided contains proprietary information, please mark accordingly and provide disposition instructions (submitted data will not be returned). Classified material shall not be submitted. The response should include the following:

1. A company profile to include size determination IAW Small Business Administration (SBA) business size classification (i.e. Other Than Small; Small; Small Disadvantaged; Veteran Owned; Service Disabled, Veteran Owned; or HUBZone), number of employees, Cage Code, DUNS number, major products, primary customer base, statement on whether your interest in this sources sought is for the purpose of becoming the prime offeror or to inquire about subcontracting possibilities, and points of contact who are able to discuss the material submitted. Companies should indicate whether they are a manufacturer or non-manufacturer, based on the regulation contained in FAR 19.102(f).
2. A description of your company's past experience and performance on similar contracts.
3. A summary of your company's capability and approach to meet this requirement. In addition, provide feedback on any of the Government's objectives which may unnecessarily drive schedule and/or cost. Indicate how those objectives may be tailored to improve schedule or reduce cost.
4. Provide a clear and concise delineation of capabilities and technical description of how their solutions address a capability area and enabling technologies therein.
5. Identify intellectual property and data rights; as well as, the availability of all software and hardware components.
6. Assess the maturity and interoperability of the solution, citing any open architectures, and interoperability standards employed.
7. Summarize the current application of the technology, if it has been recently fielded or demonstrated, and associate programs and/or sponsors.
8. Any other information your company deems necessary to aid the Government in refining its acquisition strategy and assessing your company's capability. Respondents are urged to limit marketing material in order to provide more substantive information in their response. The government will not review any pages beyond the limits stated or information including appendices, marketing brochures, catalogs, videos, etc. The government will evaluate the responses to help identify interest and the ability of the vendor community to provide support in the areas outlined in this SSN. Information received in response to this notice will not be duplicated or used for any purposes other than those stated in this notice.
9. All responses should be received no later than 4:00PM EST, 6 MAR 2015. Formats should be viewable in Microsoft Word 2007 or Adobe Reader . No telephonic discussions will be held. Limited questions and comments will be entertained, and must be in writing via email. All interested offerors must be registered in System for Award Management (SAM) under this NAICS specified in this SSN to be eligible for award of government contracts. EMAIL IS THE PREFERRED METHOD FOR SUBMITTING RESPONSES TO THIS SSN.

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