

**AMENDMENT
12 JULY 2023**

Sources Sought: W9128F23SC014

1. General. This is a SOURCES SOUGHT and is for informational/market research purposes only. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, QUOTATION OR BID, NOR A SYNOPSIS OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT ACTION UNDER FAR SUBPART 5.2.

2. Notice Details. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Northwestern Division, Omaha District (CENWO) has been tasked to identify interest in a Construction Contract for services in support of the US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, National Center for Resilient and Regenerative Precision Agriculture (NCRPPA) Headhouse and Greenhouse (HH/GH) Construction at the Nebraska Innovation Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE. Responses to this Sources Sought announcement will be used by the Government to determine the appropriate level of small business participation and to develop the acquisition strategy decision.

This Sources Sought is to gain knowledge of the interest, capabilities, and qualifications of the small business members of the industry, to include: Small Business, Small Disadvantaged Businesses to include 8(a) firms, Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone), Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB), Veteran Owned (VOSB), and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). All interested parties are highly encouraged to respond.

3. Project Scope. CENWO intends to acquire Construction Services for the NCRPPA HH/GH facility project. Provide a 15,000 GSF greenhouse and 10,140 GSF headhouse to be physically connected to the existing Greenhouse Innovation Center on the Nebraska Innovation Campus and provide for a future physical connection to a future USDA-ARS Lab/Office Building (LOB) to the east of this project.

The Headhouse will be constructed from interior masonry walls for durability and an exterior skin to complement the existing Greenhouse Innovation Complex (GIC) and the Lab/Office design. Power supply for greenhouse will be within the headhouse and distributed to environmental control panels located at each zone in the corridor. Water supply will be in the headhouse and distributed to each zone via corridor.

The desire is for the Headhouse to be physically connected to the GIC to prevent winter shock to plants moved between the two structures and to facilitate collaboration. The Headhouse will also be physically connected to the Lab/Office building to facilitate deliveries and movement of research material and USDA-ARS personnel back and forth to the Headhouse and Greenhouse research space.

The project is currently in design – nearing completion.

Estimated Construction Cost (ECC): The current ECC is between \$10,000,000 and \$25,000,000; Ref. DFARS 236.204 Disclosure of Magnitude.

Anticipated Construction Strategy: The project delivery method will be design-bid-build.

Project Details: See Attached.

4. Communications with Industry. CENWO has scheduled a teleconference for interested parties where additional project information may be provided and limited questions may be addressed. The

teleconference is scheduled to start on **21 July 2023 at 2:00 PM CST**. Please note, all information to be discussed is subject to change as additional project details become available.

To receive the teleconference information and any exhibits to be presented, interest parties shall contact Amanda Lane, Amanda.n.lane@usace.army.mil.

The email must include:

SUBJECT: "Lincoln, NE NCRPA HH/GH Construction Sources Sought – Teleconference Info Request"

CONTENT: Firm name and CAGE code, names of parties calling in, anticipated number of dial-ins, and any questions, recommendations, or concerns the firm has which may influence the acquisition strategy.

5. Minimum Technically Acceptable Contractor Expertise Criteria:

In preparation of interested party responses outlined in paragraph 6, firms should consider the following:

- a. Firms should demonstrate through references, project lists, or reports, they possess experience as it relates to this project. Two projects maximum, each no more than five (5) pages, including any graphics and cover page, will be accepted for review.
- b. The Government may consider the relevant past experience and past performance of key individuals and predecessor companies in evaluating the firm's past experience and past performance factors. Firms should address within the content limitations above, the extent of small business participation in the projects submitted.

The North American Industrial Classification Code (NAICS) for this requirement is: 236220, "Commercial and Institutional Building Construction". The related size standard is: \$39.5M.

The point of Contact for small business questions or assistance is the Omaha District Deputy for Small Business, Matthew Hibbert, (402) 764-0072, Matthew.D.Hibbert@usace.army.mil.

6. Submission Instructions. Formal responses to this Sources Sought notice must be submitted electronically (via email) with SUBJECT: Sources Sought – NCRPA Lincoln Project HH/GH Construction contract. Please email to Amanda.n.lane@usace.army.mil. All responses must be received by **4 August 2023 at 2:00 PM CST**. All successfully submitted responses will receive an acknowledgement by return email. ANY RESPONSES RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

As addressed in paragraph 5, interested parties' responses to this Sources Sought shall be limited to eleven (11) pages total and shall include the following information:

- a. Firm's name, address, point of contact, phone number, e-mail address, CAGE and DUNS number.
- b. Firm's business category and size: Large Business (include summary of small business participation metrics), Small Business, Small Disadvantaged, 8(a) firm, Historically underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone), Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB), and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small business (SDVOSB).
- c. Provide relevant information on the Firm's experience/capabilities as it pertains to the proposed work outlined in the Project Scope.
- d. Provide a maximum of two construction project examples, similar in size, scope and complexity

to the work described in paragraph 3 of this notice, with a brief description of each project, customer name, timeliness of performance, contract number, customer satisfaction, and the final project dollar value.

The Government may verify information in CPARS.

7. Disclaimer and Important Notes.

a. This notice does not obligate the Government to award a contract. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with providing information in response to this Sources Sought or any follow up information. The Government reserves the right to use information provided by respondents for any purpose deemed necessary and legally appropriate. Any organization responding to this notice should ensure that its response is complete and sufficiently detailed to allow the Government to determine the organization's qualifications to perform the work. Respondents are advised that the Government is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or to provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted. After a review of the responses a formal synopsis, requesting SF 330's may be published on Sam.Gov. However, responses to this notice will not be considered adequate responses to a formal synopsis.

b. All interested firms must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> and remain current for the duration of the source selection process to be eligible for award of a Government contract.