

February 5, 2002

**SUBJECT: SYSTEM ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(SETA) III SERVICES, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
52-PAPT-2-01006**

Dear Prospective Offerors:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is pleased to release the RFP for SETA III Services.

Please note the following items contained in the RFP:

- All questions concerning this solicitation documents should be submitted in accordance with the RFP Section L.8, "**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION**" to the Internet address: SETA3@uspto.gov, **no later than 12:00 pm (noon) EST February 13, 2002.** Telephone inquires or questions will not be accepted.
- All proposals shall be submitted **no later than 1:00 p.m. EST, March 7, 2002** in accordance with RFP instructions.
- Prospective offeror questions with answers, amendments, and other pertinent information concerning this procurement will be posted to the USPTO website:
- <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/projanno.htm>
- The current contract held by PRC, Inc. may be viewed at the Internet website as follows: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/foia/faq.htm>
- The PTO contemplates award of two performance-based service contracts as a result of this competition. One of the contract awards will be to a small business. The NAICS Code is "541519-OTHER COMPUTER RELATED SERVICES", for the small business contract.
- Businesses will be required to be located within the Washington, DC, metropolitan area to respond to the Government's advance 30 minutes requirement for meetings at the USPTO in Arlington, VA.