

SOLICITATION NO. DOC52PAPT0801006

Infrastructure, Design, Engineering, Architecture, and Integration (IDEAI)

The USPTO has a continuing requirement for Infrastructure, Design, Engineering, Architecture, and Integration (IDEAI) contractor(s) to provide independent, objective, and expert technical advice and assistance for ongoing and future information technology initiatives. This is a follow-on competition to Contracts No. 50PAPT201006, which is held by General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT), and 50PAPT201026, which is held by Project Performance Corporation (PPC). The estimated release date for the solicitation is: **March 10, 2008**. The requirement is to provide one or all of the following: System Design, Infrastructure Engineering, Network Engineering, System Engineering, Accessibility Engineering, Enterprise Architecture, Data Architecture, Application Architecture, and System Development Life Cycle Support, design of infrastructure system components, and unbiased third party review of other Government contractors' plans, performance, and products.

The contractor shall also perform system design and engineering activities in support of the design and implementation of new automated information systems, enhancement of existing systems, and designing and implementing changes to the infrastructure. The contractor's work shall provide support to the patent and trademark application processing and examination functions, USPTO management and administrative systems, and dissemination of patent and trademark information to the public.

Examples of technical efforts include, but are not limited to, the design and implementation of: distributed computer systems; office automation capabilities linked together through a USPTO-wide and wide area or remote (Telework) communications network; capabilities for full deployment of the automated patent text and image search, storage, and retrieval systems; capabilities providing automated support of administrative and management functions; automation of patent application receipt, assignment, and tracking functions, including the electronic receipt of all patent applications; optical character recognition capabilities; and patent and trademark application receipt and processing. The contractor shall provide design and implementation of changes to the infrastructure, as well as, research, technical and systems engineering advice, and support in the development of advanced capabilities for information dissemination and exchange. The contractor shall support software process and tools improvement and software development methodology improvement.

The USPTO expects to award multiple performance-based service contract awards as a result of this competition. The NAICS code is "541519 – Other Computer Related Services". It is the USPTO's intention to award to at least one small business. The base period of performance is anticipated for one year with four (4) one-year options for renewal. It is anticipated that the contract will be a labor hour type or firm fixed price with task ordering provisions. The anticipated annual level of effort for this requirement is 200,000 hours per contract for the base period of performance and 200,000 hours for each of the four (4) one-year options. Contractors will be required to respond to the Government's advance 30-minute requirement for meetings at the USPTO in Alexandria, VA.

The contractor must use an Earned Value Management System that is compliant with the guidelines in ANSI/EIA Standard – 748. If the Contractor does not have an existing earned value system that is compliant with the guidelines in ANSI/EAI - 748, the Contractor shall use this non-compliant or non-validated system for an interim period, which will be negotiable between the Government and the Contractor. At the end of the agreed upon interim period, the Contractor shall be prepared to demonstrate to the CO that the EVMS complies with the ANSI/EIA Standard 748. Earned Value Management (EVM) shall be applicable to discrete task orders that exceed \$200,000 and exceed a 90 day period of performance to complete.

The Government has determined that this effort may result in an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest (OCIO), or may provide one or more offerors with the potential to attain an unfair competitive advantage. The nature of the conflict and the limitation on future contracting will be included in the specific task order statements of work. Prior to commencement of any task order, the contractor agrees to notify the Contracting Officer that no conflict of interest exists or to identify to the Contracting Officer any actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest the contractor may have. The IDEAI contractor may also be required to serve as an unbiased third party in the review of other Government contractors' plans, performance and products.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED AT THIS TIME. Questions may be submitted following the release of the RFP, utilizing the procedures specified in the RFP. Electronic copies: An electronic copy of the solicitation when released will be available as follows: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/currproj.htm>. Information concerning this announcement and other USPTO business opportunities can be found at the following site: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/currproj.htm>. This acquisition will be conducted using streamlined measures, to include oral presentations by offerors. Details will be contained in the solicitation. The POC is Sylvia Van Dyke, Contracting Officer, ph: 571-272-6568, Fax: 571-273-6568. or e-mail: IDEAI@uspto.gov, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Procurement, MDE 7B03, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.