

Professional Services Forecasting Event Questions and Answers

Question: What is the process a vendor has to follow for sharing a capability statement via the Discovery Market Research Tool?

Answer: Currently the Discovery Market Research Tool is not up to date due to MAS consolidation and all contractors are not incorporated within the tool. Since not all contractors are incorporated within Discovery it is advised that capability statements not be submitted at this time. GSA is currently working on a new platform to where contractors will be able to post their own capability statements and self-certify the information contained in these statements.

Question: We hold a GSA MAS schedule under the NAICS 541690. However, when we search using that NAICS in Discovery it only shows the Contract Vehicles of OASIS Small Business and OASIS Unrestricted. Why is the Professional Services Schedule not included under that NAICS code in Discovery?

Answer: The Professional Service Schedule is no longer up to date in Discovery due to the MAS consolidation and will be removed from Discovery in the near future until data automation for Multiple Award Schedules can be implemented - likely in late FY21 Q1. Until then, please use GSA eLibrary.

Question: Regarding SeaPort rolling admission, is there a centralized location to find out when the rolling admission occurs? Is there a way to see solicitations as they roll out without being a registered member?

Answer: SeaPort rolling admissions information will be posted on Beta-SAM, including the rolling admission solicitation, bidder questions, and responses. SeaPort task order solicitations are only issued via the SeaPort portal to registered SeaPort NxG contract holders and their approved team members.

Question: This acquisition strategy of setting a low barrier to entry to SeaPort NxG is often used by KOs to say their vendor base is not of high enough quality to consider use for their specific applications. This has been stated by KOs at various industry days where they state that they will strive to use their specific local contracts to circumvent this perceived inability of small businesses. Is this recognized by the D&F team when reviewing exception applications?

Answer: The low barrier to entry to obtain a SeaPort-NxG contract is not equivalent to a low standard with regard to having direct experience supporting the DON. The low barrier is in contrast to past performance criteria which may award higher dollar value experience with higher points, making it difficult for smaller small businesses, with lower dollar value actions, to win a contract. The Navy and Marine Corps Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NMCARS) outlines the requirement to consider using SeaPort for designated functional areas. If SeaPort is not used to satisfy competitive requirements, a Determination and Findings (D&F) will be submitted to Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Procurement) for approval and is not delegated.