

Social and Veterans Readjustment Services Webinar Q&As – 2/24/15

1. Our customers want to be able to inspect a facility for compliance with VA standards prior to patient placement. I noticed on that there are NO vendors in my geographical coverage area of WA, OR, ID, AK.
Our vendors can sub-contract to local community-based facilities. When a GSA vendor chooses to respond to a Sources Sought or RFI or RFQ it is confirming it has engaged a facility in the required geographical location and that it can agree to have the facility inspected if that is a pre-condition for responsiveness and responsibility BEFORE award.
2. Is VA planning to adopt this schedule as a mandatory use schedule?
VA does not plan to adopt Schedule 738x as a mandatory source. GSA encourages VA Contracting Officers to consider the benefits of taking the Schedules route for their procurements.
3. Do SBA's affiliation rules apply to GSA contracts that have teaming arrangements (i.e., combine assets of both companies to determine size)?
The Prime Vendor designate based upon the business arrangement made between firms would be the basis for determining the Business Size that applies to the procurement.
4. Will we receive anything confirming our attendance?
All participants receive the one CLP Certificate for attending the webinar.
5. Do we have a pool of vendors who can support OCONUS?
Currently several vendors provide worldwide service subject to resource availability.
6. Is there a set % cost that GSA gets for each contract award? This would help with budget estimates.
Firm Fixed Pricing (FFP) posted on all GSA vendor pricelists include the .75% Industrial Funding Fee. There are no additional fees. The FFP is the base line for customer to negotiate an even better rate.
7. How does the microenterprise program coordinate with GSA?
If one defines this as MicroPurchase program, then customers are free to send a delivery order directly to any GSA vendor without further competition.
8. I believe the codes should not be negotiable. The code should be updated annually in SAM to comply with CO's requirement.
Vendors have the responsibility for maintaining the accuracy and completeness of data in the SAM. However, there have been delays or data errors in SAM that the vendor cannot control. Due to this, GSA can verify the integrity of the NAICS codes that each contractor has as part of their contract award.
9. Doesn't the code of the task/delivery order have to match the basic schedule/IDIQ contract? FPDS won't read it if it's different (error).
The NAICS Codes must match however, systems glitches can cause a mis-match and GSA will assist in mitigating this problem by insuring all applicable codes are in the Solicitation. There are currently 30 codes assigned to SIN 595-28.

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10. How can vendors perform if they don't have a local facility?
Our contractors can enter into sub-contracting arrangements with local community-based facilities. Under FAR 8.4 procedures, for contracts that have been "set-aside for small businesses or 8(a) concerns, 50% of the cost of contract performance may be sub-contracted. (52.219-14)
11. Is this solicitation available on eOffer?
The full Solicitation may be downloaded from the GSA Schedules eLibrary.
12. So the entire services will be subcontracted out? How is that allowable?
Maximum allowable is 50% of total contract cost.
13. What is the purpose of the RFQ if the vendor is listed on schedule and the price is set under \$150,000. Should it be a RFI?
For procurements under \$150,000, Contracting Officers may send a formal RFQ with the Scope-of-Work. Vendors may provide a better price than their posted price.
14. If the price lists are available, what is the purpose of sending a RFQ?
Depends upon the dollar value of the procurement. See Ordering Procedures Slide.
15. I do not see a link for eOffer. Is it still available? Or has it changed to eBuy?
There is a link for eOFFER which is the automated paperless application process for obtaining a GSA MAS Schedule Contract. There is a link for eBUY which is the automated purchasing and sourcing tool
16. The problem is what GSA is doing with Salvation Army. That is not clear and open solicitation. The vendor has clearly already been chosen.
MAS Solicitations are continuously open and a firm may apply at any time. Firms are often encouraged by Customer Agencies to apply and they are occasionally encouraged by GSA at Vendor Outreach Events.
17. Are there any handouts from the presentation?
All participants are sent the presentation materials for reference.