

On Friday, December 19, 2008, SBA Headquarters accepted, for competition, an offer letter submitted by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act [15 USC 637(a)(1)], and in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 19.8 and the executed Partnership Agreement between the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Homeland Security. The requirement is for "the establishment of Regional Multiple Award Construction Contracts (RMAcc) for Construction Services and Smaller Design/Build Construction Nationwide." The assigned SBA Requirement Number is: 0353-090900959.

The work will include design-build, performance based construction, and general construction, marine construction, demolition, and historical restoration, renovation, and maintenance and repair of facilities throughout the designated Coast Guard Districts and its Territories. The Task Orders may include the requirement to provide design capability in the form of, but not limited to, stamped drawings or sketches to describe proposed construction, repair and alteration projects and to provide descriptions or specifications for proposed materials or equipment. As such, the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sector codes applicable to this procurement are 236 and 237 with a corresponding size standard of \$33.5 Million. An IDIQ/ firm fixed-price contract is anticipated. The period of performance is for a base year and six (6) one-year options.

The competition to be held is restricted to USCG RMAcc's regional structure and not SBA's regional structure. As such, the USCG has reserved its Regions 7, 9 and 17 for 8(a) BD Program competitive contracting opportunities. USCG Region 7 encompasses the states of Florida, South Carolina and Georgia; USCG Region 9 includes the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois; and, USCG Region 17 is comprised of the state of Alaska only (Map attached). USCG anticipates award of 5 to 10 awards in each of the three 8(a) geographical Regions designated under USCG's Regional Multiple Award Construction Contracts initiative.

The USCG has been authorized to announce the acquisition in the Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizopps) online publication and issue a solicitation. However, given the geographical structure of this procurement, the USCG will state in the publication its USCG regional state restriction of the requirement so that competition will be limited to 8(a) Business Development (BD) firms located within those regional states, and other 8(a) construction firms with a bona fide place of business within USCG's regional states identified. All other 8(a) BD Participants will be deemed ineligible to submit offers. USCG will announce in the solicitation that, "interested 8(a) BD firms must provide the name of their servicing district office, address, city/state and the name of their Business Development Specialist."

At the conclusion of USCG's evaluation process and upon request for an eligibility determination by the USCG, the servicing district office should proceed with an eligibility determination of the apparent successful offeror. If the 8(a) BD firm is found

ineligible, the SBA district office servicing the apparent successful offeror will inform USCG, in writing, of the firm's ineligibility and request that USCG send the name of the next highest evaluated 8(a) BD firm so that an eligibility determination for contract award can be made. Please expedite the processing of the eligibility determination within the required timeframe.