Sources Sought Notice

This Sources Sought Notice is not a Request for Quote and does not constitute a commitment by the Government. The Government is currently conducting market research in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 10 to identify potential small business sources to fulfill the requirement and gather information on current capabilities of businesses within the market. All information submitted in response to this Sources Sought Notice is voluntary and the Government will not pay for information requested nor will it compensate any respondent for any cost incurred in developing information provided to the Government. Proprietary information submitted should be marked appropriately. All submitted information shall remain with the United States (U.S.) Government and will not be returned.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Acquisition and Grants Office, Eastern Acquisition Division is conducting market research to identify small business sources capable of providing the supplies relevant to the requirement needs described herein for the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS). The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code is 336612 "Boat Building." The small business size standard for this NAICS code is 1,000 employees.

The National Ocean Service (NOS), Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS), requires the acquisition of one (1) commercial-duty fiberglass vessel to replace an aging response vessel used in support of NOAA scientific, environmental monitoring, hydrographic, construction support, and emergency response operations. The vessel shall support the installation, maintenance, inspection, repair, and recovery of water level stations, current meter stations, meteorological sensors, and associated oceanographic instrumentation throughout the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Coast, Great Lakes, Gulf Coast, and nearshore coastal waters for the National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON), the Physical Oceanographic Real Time System (PORTS), and the National Current Observation Program (NCOP).

For informational purposes, a DRAFT SON is attached to assist sources in gaining a more in-depth understanding of the overall requirement. Small Business sources that believe they have the capabilities to provide the required services stated herein, are requested to provide a response of no more than 5 pages that must address the following:

(1) Company name and address
(2) Company point of contact - name, phone and email address
(3) System for Award Management Unique Entity Identification Number
(4) Company's Size in relations to NAICS Code 336612 (e.g., large business, small business) any and all small business socioeconomic status' (e.g. 8(a), service-disabled veteran owned small business, HUBZone small business, and/or women owned small business), as validated via the System for Award Management and/or SBA's Dynamic Small Business Search (DSBS).
(5) Clear demonstration of the capability to provide the supplies listed in detail in the attached SON, to include the warranty requirements.

(6) Any Government Wide Acquisition Vehicle held contracts and their respective contract numbers, if applicable, such as GSA.
(7) A rough order of magnitude for a boat of this size and specifications.

Standard brochures will not be considered a sufficient response to this notice. Interested sources shall submit an electronic copy response to the information requested above to Heather Coleman via email at Heather.L.Coleman@noaa.gov, no later than 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) Thursday, July 9, 2026. The electronic copy of your response must be in pdf format and readable by Adobe. Any questions or responses to this Sources Sought announcement shall be directed to Ms. Coleman via the email address provided. Information received will be utilized solely for market research purposes.