This is a Sources Sought Synopsis published by the United States Air Force (the Government or USAF). There is no solicitation available at this time. Requests for a solicitation will not receive a response. The purpose of this sources sought notice is to conduct market research to determine whether there are businesses available capable of providing an alternative product that meets the characteristics below. The Air Force anticipates procuring this product as a FY26 base effort with a projected period of performance of 22 September 2026 – 21 September 2027. This effort will have three – one year option periods: Option year 1 - 22 September 2027 – 21 September 2028, Option year 2 – 22 September 2028 – 21 September 2029, and Option year 3 – 22 September 2029 – 21 September 2030.

Responses to this sources sought notice will assist in a determination of whether it is in the best interest of the Government to proceed with a competition.

FSC: 7630

NAICS: 516210

Size Standard: $47M

Subscription name: HIS Global Market

1. Description: The Department of the Air Force (DAF) Library Program requires Electronic access for Scott Civil Engineers to IHS Engineering Work Bench Expert Collection
2. Product characteristics or an equal item must be considered:
    1. Must include: standards, codes, specifications, applied technical reference, engineering periodicals, patents and patent applications, and enterprise knowledge sources. To include the attached list of standards (Custom Collection)
    2. Must address the “information overload” challenge with a single intuitive interface that uses advanced knowledge discovery technologies to surface answers from a curated universe of technical knowledge.
    3. Engineering Work Bench Expert Collection
    4. Collection for EI community, Program Management Offices, Sheppard Schoolhouse / Cable and Antenna Operations AFSC 1D773C, and Base SCX/Cable Antenna shops
    5. Must provide an enterprise license for HQ CCC/CZMM to administrate to all locations needing access to standards library

The Government will consider responses received within 30 days of issuance of this notice. Information received will normally be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether or not to conduct a full and open competitive procurement or a small business set aside competitive procurement. The Government will not pay for any information received in response to this announcement. If the Government competes this requirement, a synopsis shall be issued utilizing the combined synopsis/solicitation procedure identified in FAR 12.603. If this effort becomes a Small Business Set-Aside, FAR 52.219-14, Limitation on Subcontracting, will apply. Therefore, small businesses that want to be considered for a small business set-aside should demonstrate how they intend to comply. A determination not to compete this requirement based upon responses to this notice is an administrative decision by the Government that is solely within its discretion.

Contractors should be aware of the following information:

1. Contractors must include the following information:

a. Points of contact, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers.

b. Identification as a large U.S. business, a small U.S. business, or a foreign business. Please note that size indicated should be based on the NAICS code for this effort listed above.

c. Identification of any other socioeconomic status including: Women-Owned Small Business, Economically Disadvantaged Small Business, 8(a), Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, Veteran Owned Small Business or HUBZone.

d. Company CAGE Code or UEI.

e. Capabilities Statement

2. This requirement is not intended for specific brand name products. Offerors are encouraged to suggest products other than those that may be specifically referenced by brand name. Responses must address how alternate product meet the product characteristics specified above.

3. Submitted information shall be UNCLASSIFIED.

Any information submitted by respondents to this sources sought synopsis is strictly voluntary. The Government will not reimburse the respondents for any costs associated with their response. This synopsis does not constitute a Request for Proposals nor does its issuance restrict the Government as to its ultimate acquisition approach. The Government reserves the right to contact the submitting parties, on an as required basis, for further clarification on material provided. Respondents should not construe this notice as a commitment by the Air Force for any purpose. Responses should be emailed to Contracting Specialist: Homer Rios, Homer.Rios@us.af.mil and Contracting Officer: Gustavo Guadron Gustavo.Guadron@us.af.mil no later than 8 July 2026, 4:00 PM CDT. Any questions should be directed to Gustavo Guadron through email.