Special Procurement Notice

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United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence
Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) for
U.S. Army Initial Entry Rotary-Wing Flight Training Area of Interest (AOI)
U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence

The purpose of this Special Procurement Notice is to Advise the status of the Solicitation process for Industry partners and parties interested in the Flight School Next program.

In accordance with direction from the Secretary of the Army, on 10/31/2026, the FSN team has been placed in an "exception" status and will begin working on the Flight School Next Program immediately.

STATUS OF SOLICITATION

Due to current furloughing of Federal Employees and U.S. Army Civilians, the FSN team has been sidelined from working since 10/01/2025. The previously established dates provided at SAM.gov in the DRAFT_C4S_FSN document will be revised to account for the furlough period and will be presented on SAM.gov as soon as possible.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

1. **ACCELERATION OF PROCESSES**

   The FSN team will continue to plan for and is expecting to make award by 09/30/2026. This will require an acceleration of all phases of the presentation and demonstration processes as well as the evaluation phases. To accomplish this, the FSN team will be providing additional, non-traditional support to industry by way of continued QR code Q&A links, live pre-proposal conferencing support, and more.

2. **PHASED EVALUATIONS UPDATES**

   The FSN team will provide updated milestones and direction for each of the phases of the evaluation process.

3. **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**
   The FSN team will provide updated submission instructions and Q&A links for responsive communication.

4. **UPDATED DOCUMENTS**

   The FSN team is working to provide Final DRAFT versions of all documents by 11/17/2026. These are in a state of "DRAFT" as the reviewers and approvers have been on furlough. The goal is to provide "FINAL" documents by the end of November.

LEGAL DISCLAIMER

This Special Procurement Notice does not commit the Government to a contract for any supply or service. Further, the U.S. Army is not seeking proposals at this time and will not accept unsolicited proposals. Vendors are advised that the U.S. Government will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this Special Procurement Notice; all costs associated with responding to this Special Procurement Notice will be solely at the interested party's expense. Non-response to this Special Procurement Notice does not preclude participation in any future RFP/CSR, if any is issued. If a solicitation is released, it will be posted on the SAM.GOV website. It is the responsibility of the potential vendors to monitor this site for additional information pertaining to this subject.

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Point of Contact (POC): Questions regarding this announcement shall be submitted in writing by e-mail to usarmy.novosel.avncoe.mbx.fsnteam@army.mil. Verbal questions will NOT be accepted. Questions should NOT contain proprietary or classified information. The Government does not guarantee that all questions will be answered; however, all available responses will be posted to SAM.gov weekly or as necessary.

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